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PROMINENT CHURCHMEN PRESIDE AT ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



THE REV. J. R. CUNNINGHAM, D.D.



THE REV. W. A. STANBURY, D.D.



THE RT. REV. EDWIN A. PENICK, D.D.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches was held in Thomasville, September 17, 1940. The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D., Raleigh, N. C., Bishop of the North Carolina Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church and First Vice-President of the Council, presided over the noon session of the Executive Committee.

The Rev. W. A. Stanbury, D.D., pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Asheville, N. C., and President of the Council, presided over the afternoon general session when the year's program of activities was reported and plans made for the new year.

The Board of Christian Activities, under the direction of Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Durham, was in session during the morning.

One of the high lights of the entire day's activities was the Fellowship Luncheon arranged for by the Thomasville Ministerial Association for all committee members, council representatives and invited guests. Mr. R. L. Pope, prominent layman and banker of Thomasville, was the guest speaker. The Rev. John R. Cunningham, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem and also Second Vice-President of the Council, served as toastmaster.

THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Its Purpose:

1. To promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ constituting the several Communion of North Carolina.
2. To serve as a medium of inter-church advice and counsel on matters affecting the progress of Christianity in the State.
3. To associate the Communion in such joint service as may achieve more effectively the objectives of the Christian religion.

Its Principles and Policies:

1. The Council shall exist as a voluntary association, and shall be without mandatory power in relation to the bodies choosing to make use of it as a channel of counsel and of joint Christian expression.
2. The complete autonomy and corporate integrity of each Communion shall be mutually respected and safeguarded in all relations involving inter-denominational fellowship and action.
3. The membership of the Council shall be composed by direct action of each Communion, either by election, appointment, or nomination, as each body may determine.—Council Constitution.

THE NEED FOR WEEK-DAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA*

Need for strengthening the spiritual resources of American youth and deepening their moral convictions is universally acknowledged. The swift and total collapse of France proves conclusively that materialism as a way of life brings ultimate disaster. Every sign indicates that the people of France possessed sufficient material resources and wealth to defend the nation. The fall of the Republic was due to a failure of the spirit. It is significant to remember that a little more than a generation ago France banished from her public school curriculum all elements of religious instruction. The teaching of secular morals was substituted for the ancient program of religious education.

There is abundant evidence that we Americans have grown fond of soft and easy living. We have also moved in recent years toward a program of public education which is purely secular. During the last half-century sectarian

*Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Jr., Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., Chairman of the Council's Committee on Week-Day Religious Education.

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THE QUESTION BEFORE US:

In this world where there is confusion of tongues, men are offering various contradictory solutions for the world's ills. Forces that are today the chief rivals of the church for the allegiance of mankind are sounding rallying cries that are hopelessly divisive. Hitler is crying, "Whosoever is not of German blood cannot follow me!" Mussolini is crying, "Whosoever is not an Italian nationalist cannot follow me!" Stalin is crying, "Whosoever is not of the Communist party cannot follow me!" The great question before us: "Is there any uniting voice?" We say there is one, the voice which says "Whosoever"—regardless of race, of creed or color.

THE ISSUE BEFORE US:

When we realize that Russia has murdered Christianity, that Italy has kidnapped it, that Germany and Japan have gassed it and that practically all other nations of the world have handicapped it, we have to realize that the issue before us is not denominationalism but Christianity or paganism.

THIS BULLETIN:

The **Church Council Bulletin** comes to you for the first time, this month. Its purpose is two-fold: First, to inform you of the co-operative work being carried on by the N. C. Council of Churches; second, to give you information concerning certain issues which affect the church life, either directly or indirectly.

Your criticisms and suggestions will be welcomed.

COUNCIL CALENDAR:

September 17, 1940—Annual Meeting of Council of Churches, Thomasville.

November & December, 1940—Regional Rural Institutes. Separate announcements to be made.

December 5-7, 1940—State-wide Student Conference.

January 14-16, 1941—Fifth Annual Convocation of Churches, High Point.

February 17, 1941—Student Workers' Annual Conference, Raleigh.

"THE FORGOTTEN MAN"

First in a series of 3 articles on the subject of Prisoner Rehabilitation. Subsequent articles will deal with Probation and Parole.

"Society makes conflicting demands upon its prisons. It requires the prison to protect the community by assuring the safe custody of the prisoner for the period specified by the court and at the same time prepare him for release into the community as a law-abiding, self-respecting, and self-reliant citizen. It demands that the prisoner be taught to use liberty wisely while deprived of liberty as punishment. The prison must discipline rigorously and at the same time influence the prisoner to learn self-discipline and to develop voluntarily socializing inner drives. The prison is required by law to discharge men who are obviously dangerous to the well-being of society, and yet must hold others who it confidently believes will not again commit crime. The prison must provide for a man's every want one day and the next release him into a friendless freedom without help or guidance."*

Recently we have become conscious of the fact that approximately 20,000 individuals leave the prison cells of our state every year, or approximately 1,500 per month.

At the present time 58% of the men in the North Carolina prisons are classed as "repeaters." It is a known fact that many of the men who leave the prisons will soon return. Prison authorities, however, give us good reason to believe that as many as 75% of the released prisoners have a sincere desire to "go straight" once they have completed their sentences. They are not all hardened criminals, as we are often led to believe.

The question is often asked: "Should the church play any part in helping released prisoners to rehabilitate themselves?" Let me quote from a letter recently received from one who is now rated an economist in one of our large cities, a man who holds many college degrees and has taught in a very prominent southern university, "Twenty-five years ago I was a released prisoner, a young man just turned in my twenties. I was pardoned after serving a time for manslaughter. When I was released, no churchman met me at the door nor did any organization of any kind offer to help me. . . ."

After giving a detailed account of problems he had encountered, this man adds, "the person released from a prison faces real problems—problems that may destroy him or turn him to greater criminality. I have often wondered these many years why some organization did not seriously and intelligently take up this problem and solve it. The failure to take such action in the face of such problems makes one wonder what the church is for."

In the same report from which the first paragraph of this article was taken, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons makes this statement, "A program of individualized rehabilitation is not complete unless religion is a prominent factor."

The North Carolina Council of Churches is at the present time seeking to evolve a satisfactory plan for helping the great masses of released prisoners to rehabilitate themselves at the completion of their sentences. It must be realized that only by the united effort on the part of church people throughout the state can such a plan be satisfactorily carried out. —E. J. A.

*1939 Annual Report of the Director of Federal Bureau of Prisons to the Attorney General of the United States.

AMERICA'S CRIME AND CRIMINALS—OUR CONCERN?

15 Billion Dollar Annual Crime Bill

On June 15, 1939, J. Edgar Hoover stated that the 15 billion dollar estimate of the cost of crime in the United States annually should be considered conservative. "In addition to the actual financial outlay which can be estimated," stated Mr. Hoover, "we must add the suffering and sorrow inflicted upon millions of families throughout the country as the result of the depredations of the lawless."

MESSAGE TO ALL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

"In view of the critical world situation which confronts us, with its accompaniment of devastated homes, thwarted lives, and widespread fear, the North Carolina Council of Churches, meeting in annual session at Thomasville, September 17, 1940, hereby reaffirms its dedication to the cause of world brotherhood, justice and peace.

"Furthermore, in the name of the Prince of Peace we would call upon all men of good will to join with us in this reaffirmation and to devote themselves to the relief of the suffering and the homeless, to the rekindling of hope and faith, and to the re-creation of peace in a war-torn world.

"Second, we recommend that all Christian bodies set apart a suitable period in their respective annual meetings for the prayerful and thoughtful consideration of this urgent appeal."

CO-OPERATION IS ACHIEVED THROUGH ACTIVITIES

(The Council is engaged in the following activities*)

1. Fellowship — Annual Convocation of Churches—Approximately 2,000 ministers and laymen from 16 denominations attended one or more services of the Fourth Annual Convocation of Churches in Greensboro last January. The Fifth Annual gathering has been scheduled for High Point, January 14, 15, 16, 1941. Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Durham, N. C., chairman of Program Committee.

2. Prisoner Rehabilitation—Approximately 20,000 prisoners are released from the North Carolina Prisons each year. 58% of these are repeaters. By united effort on the part of all church people throughout the state, we hope to evolve a satisfactory plan for helping these men, women and youth to rehabilitate themselves at the completion of their sentences.

3. Library Service Department—It has been estimated that 1,589,485, or 44% of the total population of North Carolina, are without public library service. The Council co-operates with the State Library Commission, Raleigh, in making available books, especially to those living in areas without library service.

4. Information Exchange—A storehouse of information is on file in the Council office concerning religious bodies and social agencies both within and without the state. This file has been created for your convenience. Use it to advantage.

5. Rural Institutes—The Council sponsors regional study conferences and institutes throughout the state, bringing together leaders from all denominations to think through their mutual problems and plan their strategy for possible solutions. Dr. J. M. Ormond, Duke University, is chairman of the Council's Committee on Rural Life and Work.

6. Music Conferences and Music Service Department—Working through an active committee, the Council is seeking to provide ways and means of improving the standard of music in the North Carolina churches through hymn study and counseling on the techniques of training adults, young people's and children's choirs. Mrs. W. H. Davis, Asheville, president of North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, chairman.

7. Race Relations—The Council co-operates with the already well organized North Carolina Commission on Interracial Co-operation and the national agencies in this field. Promotes observance of Race Relations Sunday through distribution of literature.

8. Week-Day Religious Education—The Council promotes religious education program in public schools by furnishing information and advice as to

*The new activities indorsed by the Council at its latest meeting will be described in the next issue of this bulletin.

methods now being successfully employed in this and other states. Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Jr., Davidson College, N. C., is chairman of the Council's Committee on Week-Day Religious Education.

9. Chain of Christian Life Assemblies—Tentatively scheduled for spring of 1941. Designed to bring for a continued period of several weeks, nationally and internationally known leaders for conferences in all sections of the state.

10. Visual Service Department—Believing that "a picture is worth a thousand words" and that the church should and must use this improved method of teaching, this department has been set up. Issues periodically "Visual Reviews" covering latest information on slides, films, film strips, projectors and other visual aids.

11. Radio Ministry—Concerted effort at using this indispensable method of reaching the great masses both within and without the church. Programs are now being developed for all ages, especially children and youth. Dr. Paul Leslie Garber, Durham, N. C., is chairman of the Council's Committee on Radio Ministry.

12. Student Workers' Conference—An annual gathering for student-workers, pastors, and college student delegates. The 2nd annual conference of this kind has been scheduled at Raleigh, February 17, 1941.

CO-OPERATION IS ACHIEVED THROUGH PERSONS

(Administrative Personnel of the N. C. Council of Churches*)

I. Executive Committee Officers and Members

President W. A. Stanbury, Asheville
First Vice-President . . Edwin A. Penick, Raleigh
Second Vice-President . . . J. R. Cunningham, Winston-Salem

Recording Secretary . . . Mrs. Henry A. White, High Point

Executive Secretary . . Ernest J. Arnold, Durham

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Murray C. Johnson, Greensboro . . (until 1941)
Clare Purcell, Charlotte (until 1941)

J. Kenneth Pfohl, Winston-Salem . . (until 1942)
George H. Rhodes, Albemarle . . . (until 1942)
C. C. Ware, Wilson (until 1942)

Stanley C. Harrell, Durham (until 1943)
P. D. Miller, Raleigh (until 1943)
H. Shelton Smith, Durham (until 1943)

II. Official Membership

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J. L. Love, Charlotte.
E. N. Orr, Charlotte.

Congregational-Christian:

E. M. Carter, Youngsville.
J. H. Lightborne, Burlington.

Disciples of Christ:

John L. Goff, Williamston.
Newton J. Robinson, Raleigh.
C. C. Ware, Wilson.
Huell Warren, Winston-Salem.

Evangelical and Reformed:

David E. Faust, Salisbury.
Banks J. Peeler, Lexington.
W. W. Rowe, Lenoir.

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Murray C. Johnson, Greensboro.
Mrs. Henry A. White, High Point.

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J. M. Culbreth, Chapel Hill.
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J. Marvin Gance, Asheville.
E. L. Hillman, Rocky Mount.
J. B. Ivey, Charlotte.
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M. T. Plyler, Greensboro.
J. E. Pritchard, Winston-Salem.
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J. J. Wood, Elk Park.

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A. R. McKelway, Pinehurst.
J. K. Roberts, Greensboro.
J. H. Whitmore, Wilmington.
Samuel S. Wiley, Thomasville.

Protestant Episcopal:

James D. Beckwith, Hillsboro.
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J. R. Roundtree, Kinston.
J. A. Vache, Greensboro.

United Lutheran:

W. N. Yount, Rural Hall.
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H. A. Schroder, Durham.

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W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest.
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Thomas C. Darst, Wilmington.
L. E. M. Freeman, Raleigh.
W. C. Jackson, Greensboro.
P. D. Miller, Raleigh.
Edwin A. Penick, Raleigh.
Clare Purcell, Charlotte.
H. Shelton Smith, Durham.
Everett B. Weatherspoon, Durham.

*Space doesn't permit inclusion of names of all persons serving on the various committees.

THE NEED FOR WEEK-DAY EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA*

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jealousy has operated to cancel most of the spiritual elements of the public school curriculum. Many of our educational leaders have maintained that it is not even necessary to offer formal courses in ethics. "Character is a by-product," they said. The fruits of such a short-sighted policy are ripening before our eyes today. We find them in the wholesale corruption of officials in high places, in the steady increase of crime and delinquency, in the cheating which is prevalent throughout the high schools of the land, and in the shady business practices which helped to bring on the recent economic depression.

The truth of the matter is that all material prosperity is dependent upon spiritual progress. If America wishes to preserve and enrich the values of the soul, it must educate its children in the practice of reverence and sacrifice. Chas. W. Eliot, great president of Harvard University, said: "Nobody knows how to teach morals without religion. Exclude religion from education and you leave no foundation on which to build moral character." Woodrow Wilson expressed his faith in the following words: "I would be afraid to go forward if I did not believe that there lay at the foundation of all our schooling and all our thought the incomparable and unimpeachable Word of God."

The task of religious education cannot be left entirely to the care of the church school, because only a portion of the children of the nation are reached by the Sunday school and for only a short time once or twice a week. Spiritual nurture was formerly a characteristic of family life; but the decline of the home as a center of religious instruction is one of the most striking and regrettable of the innumerable social changes which have followed in the wake of the industrial revolution. If American democracy and the civic character which must undergird it are to endure, the state in its educational program must include a definite recognition of the place and value of religion in human life.

As evidence that our citizens sense this urgent need, a great movement of Week-Day Religious Education is sweeping the country. Communities in every state are adapting the form of instruction to their own customs, traditions, and population differences. The public schools are co-operating beautifully—frequently, as in Pittsburgh—taking the initiative. This can be done without sacrificing the principle of religious liberty. Conscience is not violated because the financial support comes from religious bodies and the courses offered are always elective. Dean Weigle, of Yale, describes the prevailing practice in the following words:

"Week-day religious education is entirely voluntary, does not force religious instruction of a particular kind upon any child, utilizes no public school funds for sectarian purposes and permits churches, individually and collectively, to provide for such instruction as they may choose. It does not put religion into the public schools, but it does put formal religious instruction within the child's daily experience. It means that the public schools, by permitting children to take religious instruction during regular school hours, encourage them to recognize religion as one of the primary concerns of life."

Several North Carolina towns in recent years have made some provision for week-day religious education in their schools. Charlotte, Asheville, Reidsville, Wilmington, Lumberton, Laurinburg, Maxton, Lenoir and Swannanoa are among the number. But there has been little concerted effort until recently to give boys and girls of the whole state this opportunity. In response to an insistent demand for information and suggestion, a group of interested citizens met last spring in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Superintendent Erwin expressed his interest in some plan for promoting the teaching of the Bible in the public schools, and pledged his support to any program which would attain this end without violating the constitutional guaranties of religious liberty.

The group, after thoughtful consideration of the problem, decided to call upon the North Carolina Council of Churches as the agency best equipped to take the lead in achieving the objectives of week-day religious education on a statewide scale. The Council accepted the

responsibility and appointed a Committee which is busily engaged in canvassing the situation and laying the foundations for a constructive campaign of promotion.

The immediate aims of the committee are two: First, to present the issues involved to the people of the state; second, to serve as a clearing house for the exchange of experience and the stimulation of interest in working out effective methods of approach to the problem. The gist of several plans which have been in operation for a period of years is presented below.

Charlotte, North Carolina—

A Bible Course in the High Schools.

The program was begun in 1926. Three teachers of the Bible are now employed in the high schools of Charlotte. The course is elective and is offered five periods a week for one year. A credit of one unit toward graduation is allowed for its successful completion. Teachers' salaries are provided by an interdenominational group of citizens. The teachers, elected by the School board on the recommendation of this group, work under the supervision of the principal of the school. Superintendent Harding says: "The course has always been very popular. We have never had any criticism from the public."

Reidsville, North Carolina—

Bible Courses in the Public Schools.

Reidsville provides for its high school students a program very similar to the one offered in Charlotte, governed by the same general regulations. Additional courses are also given for the pupils in the grammar schools. Rev. M. S. Huske, speaking for the Ministerial Association which sponsors the work, says:

"Besides the thorough instruction in Bible, there are other pleasing results. The high school pupils come to the teacher for discussion of their personal and religious problems. A greater interest is shown in the Church and Sunday school by those pupils who are taking the courses. Furthermore, we are reaching hundreds of pupils not heretofore reached by any Sunday school or church."

Chattanooga, Tenn.—

Popularly Known as Chattanooga Plan.

Bible instruction in the public schools is sponsored by the Pastors' Association of the city. Full credit is given for the courses which are entirely elective. Teachers are selected by a Bible Study Committee representing the churches, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and the public schools. Salaries are paid from private funds and are contributed by churches, individuals, and Parent-Teacher Associations. Something like ten full-time Bible teachers are employed in the city schools for white children and as many as nine thousand children have been enrolled in the courses during the period of a single year.

Each community will have to work out its solution of this problem in the light of controlling factors which shape its religious ideals and activities. The Committee of the Council will welcome suggestions and information from those who have successfully inaugurated a program of week-day religious instruction. We prefer to make haste slowly in the confidence of established religious experience rather than to promulgate beautiful theories which fail to meet the test of practical application.

WHO WILL TEACH THE OTHERS?

Some people contend that the church alone should teach religion and some say that it is doing a good job of it. We are not questioning the teaching work of any church but the following facts should be taken into consideration:

The A.R.P., Baptist, Cong.-Christian, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed, Friends, Methodist, Moravian, Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal and United Lutheran denominations (white only) in North Carolina have a total church membership of 1,105,387. North Carolina has a population of 3,561,990.

Where are the other 2,456,603?

The above denominations have enrolled in their Sunday schools a total of 894,089 pupils. This is 25.1% of the total population.

Where are the other 74.9%?

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Fifth Annual Convocation of Churches Announced The Regional Rural Institutes Are Scheduled for December 2nd-6th



RALPH L. WOODWARD



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THE COMMUNITY TASK OF THE RURAL CHURCH THEME OF GATHERINGS

The first in a series of regional rural institutes dealing with the place of the Christian church in the rural community, with particular reference to its relationship to the other community agencies, have been scheduled for December 2-6 in five sections of the state.

Figuring prominently in these institutes will be **Rev. Ralph L. Woodward**, Director of Religious Field Work, Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and **Mr. L. R. Harrill**, Director of 4-H Club work, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C. Rev. Mr. Woodward, whose experience as superintendent of the Congregational-Christian churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas from 1936-1939 and his early ministry in the Ozark Mountains and later on Methodist circuits in central Missouri, will qualify him for his task of presenting "The Place of the Rural Church in our American Life."

Mr. Harrill, known throughout the state for his achievements in 4-H Club work, will direct the phase of the pro-

MINISTRY VIA RADIO

PAUL LESLIE GARBER

*Pastor Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church
Durham, and Chairman of Council's
Committee on Radio Ministry*

"Radio, which reaches men of all creeds and races simultaneously," can be used "to promote the spiritual harmony and understanding of all mankind and to administer broadly to the varied religious needs of the community."—*From the Code Book of the National Association of Broadcasters.*

The increasing use of radio appeals by political parties and commercial advertisers indicates the possibilities afforded by this medium of reaching people. These possibilities have brought to forward-looking religious leaders a vision of a new area for religious evangelism and education. It was with this vision that the **North Carolina Council of Churches** in May, 1940, ordered and in

HIGH POINT TO BE HOST TO STATE-WIDE GATHERING ON JANUARY 14, 15, 16, 1941

Among the many out-of-state nationally and internationally known clergymen and religious leaders scheduled to appear on the program of the Fifth Annual Convocation of Churches, High Point, N. C., January 14, 15, 16, 1941, as announced by **Dr. H. Shelton Smith**, Program chairman, will be:

Dr. Paul Austin Wolfe, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, N. Y.

Prof. Joseph Hromadka, Princeton Theological Seminary, formerly of the University of Prague.

Dr. W. O. Lewis, Washington, D. C., General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. Mark A. Dawber, Executive Secretary, Home Missions Council, New York, N. Y.

and **Miss Clarice M. Bowman**, The Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Announcement of the local and state leadership, the names being too numer-

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NEW BOARD OF FINANCE

Mr. R. L. Pope, Thomasville, and Dr. John R. Cunningham, Winston-Salem, recently elected co-chairmen of the Board of Finance, announce herewith the complete membership of the new board as ordered created at the last annual meeting of the Council:

Rev. H. D. Althouse, Hickory, N. C.
Dr. John R. Cunningham, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Rev. C. Grier Davis, Asheville, N. C.
Rev. George E. Dillinger, Burlington, N. C.
Rev. N. W. Grant, Rocky Mount, N. C.
Mr. J. F. Harrelson, Salisbury, N. C.
Mr. H. S. Haworth, High Point, N. C.
Rev. James A. Jones, Charlotte, N. C.
Dr. G. L. Kerr, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Mr. Clarence Leinbach, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Dr. J. H. Lightbourne, Burlington, N. C.
Rev. Walter R. Noe, Wilmington, N. C.
Mr. C. W. Phillips, Greensboro, N. C.
Mr. R. L. Pope, Thomasville, N. C.
Dr. G. H. Rhodes, Albemarle, N. C.
Rev. Newton J. Robison, Raleigh, N. C.
Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Durham, N. C.
Rev. John R. Tolar, Fayetteville, N. C.
Mr. Everett Weatherspoon, Durham, N. C.

On October 29th this board, meeting in Greensboro, launched a campaign to secure immediately \$3,000.00 "new money" for the furtherance of the Council's activities. While the total amount of the Council's budget for 1940-41 is only \$6,647.35, it was felt that the above amount must be secured if the year's program is to be carried on uninterrupted.

Members of this board are sending in reports and while we are confident that the necessary amount will be raised, we ask your co-operation, interest and prayers for this great work being carried on by your church and the churches of other communions.

COUNCIL CALENDAR:

1940

December 2-6: Regional Rural Institutes.
December 6-8: State-wide Student Conference, Greensboro, N. C.
December 8 : Universal Bible Sunday.

1941

January 14-16: Fifth Annual State Convocation of Churches, High Point, N. C.
February 9 : Race Relation Sunday.

RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

Last year the Council mailed to churches over the state several thousand packets of race relations material. This year these packets will be sent only to those requesting same. This is a service of the Council and no charge is made. Please send in all orders before December 20.

MEMORIALS

The success of the North Carolina Council of Churches has been due to the concerted efforts of thousands of Christian people throughout the state. Many have planted, many have watered, and God has "given the increase." In this issue of the Bulletin, however, we pause to pay tribute to the memory of three particular friends of the Council without whose generous help its sound launching and steady growth would hardly have been possible.

With the passing last spring of Mrs. John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, the Council lost a long time friend and valued supporter. A Presbyterian whose vision of human need extended far beyond the bounds of her denomination, Mrs. Hill believed firmly in the higher unity of those who differ. Especially interested in the healing of human bodies, her gifts to the Council revealed also a sincere concern for healing the needless brokenness of the body of Christ.

Miss Clara I. Cox, of High Point, a minister of the Friends Church, was another faithful supporter whose loss we shall keenly feel. While a pioneer in many fields of social work in her home community, Miss Cox's interest in racial co-operation extended far beyond her own city. Those of other races over wide areas knew her as a loyal friend.

In President William P. Few, of Duke University, whose recent death was widely mourned, the Council gives up a staunch ally and a zealous member. A loyal Methodist who "sought first the kingdom of God," he gave the Council both material aid and rare spiritual encouragement. For such leaders as President Few we praise God and give thanks; they belong to the Church Universal.

"Not to force organization but to organize the forces for united Protestantism."

WELCOME!

The first issue of "Church Council Bulletin" carried the names of the denominational representatives to the Council of Churches. Since September, the following denominations have appointed or elected several new members to the Council's governing body. We welcome these to our larger fellowship.

Congregational-Christian:

Rev. Lanson Granger, Asheboro.

Disciples of Christ:

Rev. Homer O. Wilson, Winston-Salem.

Rev. J. Wayne Drash, Kinston.

Methodist:

Rev. C. E. Hix, Jr., La Grange.

Dr. John C. Glenn, Raleigh.

Dr. C. C. Weaver, Winston-Salem.

Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Greensboro.

OUR PROGRAM FOR 1940-41

As Adopted at Annual Meeting, Sept. 17

1. An Annual Convocation of Churches.
2. A Program of Prisoner Rehabilitation.
3. A Library Service Department.
4. An Information Exchange.
5. Rural Institutes and Surveys.
6. Music Conferences and a Music Service Department.
7. A Program of Race Relations.
8. A Program for Promoting Week-day Religious Education.
9. A Visual Service Department.
10. A Comprehensive Radio Ministry.
11. A Student Workers Conference.
12. A State-wide Student Conference.
13. A Social Actions Committee.
14. A Chain of Christian Life Assemblies (not to be held in 1941).

VISUAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

To encourage the use of visual aids in the teaching work of the church, the Visual Service department was created. It now has ready for distribution the first issue of "Visual Reviews." This is the first in a series of periodic bulletins giving up-to-the-minute information on types and uses of visual equipment and materials. Ask that your name be put on the mailing list to receive all copies of "Visual Reviews."

LIBRARY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Although available to all, the Library Service department was created to help meet the needs of the estimated 44% population of our state without public library facilities. If you desire to receive the special library bulletins and book lists to be issued periodically by the Council, please ask that your name be placed on the special mailing list of the Library Service department. Perhaps we can help you with your "book problems."

Attention: Rural ministers. If you don't already, you will perhaps wish to know of the services now offered you by The Circulating Library, School of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. A postal card to this address will bring full information.

THE CHURCH CO-OPERATING

"The Church Co-operation for a Better Tomorrow," an address by Mr. R. L. Pope, prominent banker and layman of Thomasville, before the North Carolina Council of Churches in annual session, Thomasville, N. C., September 17th. In view of the fact that this address was carried by many of the state denominational papers, it is not being printed in this issue of the "Church Council Bulletin" as was originally planned. Anyone desiring to have a copy of this address may obtain such by writing to the Council office.

INTER-FAITH CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

The Inter-faith Conference "Institute for Better Understanding," under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, The Catholic Conference of the South and The University of North Carolina, will be held in Chapel Hill, N. C., December 3 and 4, 1940.

A recurrent theme throughout the program will be the functions of the churches in a world at war and in preparation for the post-war period.

Among the many leaders on the program are:

Dr. Henry L. Caravati, Richmond, Va.
Dr. Frank P. Graham, Chapel Hill, N. C.
Rabbi William Greenberg, Charlotte, N. C.
Dr. M. Ashby Jones, Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. Morris S. Lazaron, Baltimore, Md.
Dr. Julius Mark, Nashville, Tenn.
Dr. David Marx, Atlanta, Ga.
Most Rev. Eugene J. McGuinness, Raleigh, N. C.
Dr. Howard W. Odum, Chapel Hill, N. C.
Rev. Geoffrey O'Connell, Clarksdale, Miss.
Rev. Wilfried Parsons, Washington, D. C.
Mr. Richard Reid, New York, N. Y.
Rabbi F. I. Rypins, Greensboro, N. C.
Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Durham, N. C.
Rev. Edward L. Stephens, Richmond, Va.
Most Rev. E. M. Walsh, D.D., Charleston, S. C.
Mr. Paul Williams, Richmond, Va., and
Rev. A. W. Gottschall, Washington, D. C.

THE COMMUNITY TASK OF THE RURAL CHURCH

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gram of the institutes dealing with "Other Community Agencies." Among the many leaders being invited to participate and present the work of their respective agencies are representatives of the State Board of Health, the Board of Welfare, the Board of Education, the Library Commission, Home Demonstration Agencies, 4-H Clubs and others working directly with rural people.

An attempt will be made to visualize the work of all the agencies now operating in our rural communities.

The latter part of each day will be devoted to discussion of the problems facing the rural church and possible solutions will be considered. In the case of each institute, only one address is

being scheduled. There will be ample time, therefore, for a full discussion of the problems involved.

These institutes are open to all persons interested in the rural church, its plan and program.

All meetings begin promptly at 10:30 a. m. and close at 4:30 p. m. Delegates will be expected to obtain their own lunch at recommended conveniently located places. There will be no registration fee.

The schedule of these institutes follows:

Monday, December 2—Wilson, N. C.
Howard Memorial Chapel, Atlantic Christian College.

Tuesday, December 3—Elon College, N. C.
The Little Chapel of the Christian Education Building, Elon College.

Wednesday, December 4—Salisbury, N. C.
Recital Hall, Music Building, Catawba College.

Thursday, December 5—Drexel, N. C.
Drexel High School.

Friday, December 6—Carthage, N. C.
Carthage Presbyterian Church.

MEANS OF SUPPORT

The Council's support is derived from three sources: (a) co-operating denominations, (b) local churches, and (c) individuals.

If your denomination is affiliated with the Council, your church is already a co-operating member.

Will those making contributions to the Council please give their church affiliation so that proper credit may be given the denominational boards. Some have requested this information for use in their annual reports.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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ous to mention here, will be made in the January issue of the "Church Council Bulletin" which will carry the complete program.

Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Professor of Christian Ethics and Religious Education, School of Religion, Duke University, who has served as Program chairman for all Convocations thus far, is attempting to make this the best one yet held in North Carolina.

Mrs. W. H. Davis, chairman of the Council's committee on Music and president of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, Asheville, N. C., will be in charge of the Convocation music and will also preside over a general session and two seminars dealing with church music. Many who attended the music seminars at the last Convocation have requested the holding of these again.

The Convocation is being held in High Point under the auspices of the Ministerial Association in co-operation with the High Point Chamber of Commerce.

MINISTRY VIA RADIO

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September, 1940, set up a committee on Radio Ministry.

The Radio Ministry committee, under the chairmanship of the writer, does not have a fixed membership. In this way it is hoped it will include within its membership all who are concerned with this new field of opportunity for the advancement of our Christian faith.

Those who met with the chairman at Thomasville on September 17, 1940, were: Dr. John M. Alexander, Fayetteville; Mrs. James O. Cobb, Durham; Rev. George T. Fitz, Salisbury; Dr. E. L. Hillman, Rocky Mount; Rev. J. K. Roberts, Greensboro; Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, Raleigh; R. J. Stratton, WDNC, Durham; Rev. J. A. Vache, Greensboro; and Rev. B. J. Wessinger, Spencer.

Preliminary Survey. In October of 1939 The Council's Executive Secretary made an informal study of religious radio broadcasting in North Carolina. The results obtained seemed to indicate opportunities in this work for Council activity because of the possibilities in radio, and because of the concern of radio people and religious leaders alike for improvement of present religious radio services.

Additional Survey. In June, 1940, a more detailed questionnaire went out to all the North Carolina radio stations and to picked correspondents in each of the communities now served by these stations. The replies received formed a basis both for the committee's considerations and recommendations to the Council and a guide to the committee's subsequent policies, activities, and planning.

Contact with Local Ministers' Association. A letter has gone out to each Ministers' Association known to be working in the field of religious radio broadcasts embodying certain suggestions and bits of advice which grew out of the Thomasville meeting of the committee. In return each Association was asked to forward to the writer the name of the Radio chairman. Replies have been received from nearly half the number contacted.
















The Radio Ministry committee of the Council desires to be a clearing house for ideas along the line of religious broadcasting. Anyone wishing to submit such ideas or suggestions will find the committee a group of eager listeners. Those suggestions which seem practicable will be passed on to the local ministers' groups.

Devotional Services. Apart from regular church services which are broadcast, the week-day devotional periods received the most favorable comment in the detailed survey mentioned above. For this reason those charged with the conduct of these services are urged to maintain the highest standards for them.

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ADMISSIONS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PRISONS

With reference to offense for the year ending June 30, 1939*

Alcohol†	8082	
Larceny	3423	
Assault	2785	
Trespassing	1152	
Burglary	1016	
Violating traffic laws	402	
Disorderly conduct	325	
Sex offense except rape	323	
Vagrancy	311	
Carrying weapons	288	
Non-support or neglect	266	
Homicide	261	
Forgery	228	
Robbery	213	
All others	765	
Total	19,840	

Each figure represents 200 prisoners.

*Facts to be published in the Bi-Annual Report of the State Highway and Public Works Commission Prison Department, Raleigh, N. C.

†Driving while intoxicated, violating liquor laws and drunkenness.

MINISTRY VIA RADIO

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Dr. John M. Alexander, Fayetteville, is doing some practical experimenting at Ration Station WFNC in vesper services.

It has been thought a real service might be rendered by making transcriptions of services like these for state-wide distribution to radio stations. There may be pastors who, with their choirs, would like to co-operate in such a project. Others may feel such a service would be of help to them in their local programs of religious radio ministry. Your chairman would be glad for a word from anyone on this matter.

Religious News. For some time Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, Raleigh, has offered over WRAL and several other North Carolina stations a weekly religious news broadcast, WPTF, Raleigh (and perhaps other NBC stations in North Carolina), has carried Dr. Walter Van Kirk's "Religion in the News" broadcasts from New York. There is a place for a state-wide broadcast, either by network or by transcription, which would carry inter-denominational religious news both from our state and from other parts of our country and the world.

It is to be hoped some way will open to provide this phase of a fully rounded religious radio ministry for our state and its churches.

Children's Broadcasts. Following a suggestion made at Thomasville, a sub-committee consisting of Prof. and Mrs. H. E. Spence, Prof. and Mrs. A. T. West, Mrs. James O. Cobb, your Executive Secretary, and the writer, met in the studios of WDNC, Durham, recently, to consider the possibility of a religious radio program especially designed for children and young people. It was proposed that steps be taken to acquire some scripts based upon Bible stories, myths and legends, Christian biography, etc., which would be useable in this work.

As soon as the scripts are prepared and accepted, it was thought, arrangements might be made to transcribe and distribute such programs throughout the state.

There is immediate desire for the writer to learn of anyone in the state willing to attempt the preparation of scripts for these proposed children's broadcasts.

A Code of Standards for Religious Broadcasts. One of the purposes of the Council's Radio Ministry committee, in addition to that of encouraging the use

of radio by the religious forces of the state, is to elevate the standards of the religious services now being put on the air.

Elsewhere in our country this is being done effectively by the formulation and adoption jointly by broadcasters and religious leaders of codes of standards for religious broadcasts.

A similar code formulation and adoption is envisaged for North Carolina under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The 1941 Convocation. Some desire for a seminar on religious radio broadcasting to be included as a part of our Council's 1941 Convocation has been expressed. Contact has already been made with one of the nation's foremost authorities on this work to discover whether he could possibly lead such a seminar.

The field of radio broadcasting offers virtually virgin soil for a strategic Christian ministry of evangelism, of consolation, of prophetic utterance, of worship and of Biblical instruction.

What we as Christians do with radio today may determine in large measure the extent to which this medium of communication will be available for the message of our Christ tomorrow.

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Fifth Annual Convocation of Churches, Jan. 14-16

Theme: The Faith of The Church and The World Crisis

WIDE VARIETY OF GROUP INSTITUTES ARE SCHEDULED

Those persons attending the forthcoming Convocation will have a greater selection of Group Institutes to choose from than ever before. Space does not permit the inclusion of any more than a brief announcement of these but a summary of the purpose and program of each will be furnished those attending the meetings.

The following institutes have been scheduled:

January 15th, 2:15 p. m.-3:45 p. m.

I "Week-day Religious Education"
Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., *Leader*
Dr. Mason Crum, *Chairman*

II "The Rural Church and the New Rural Community"
Dr. Mark Dawber, *Leader*
Rev. C. E. Hix, Jr., *Chairman*

III "The Church's Use of Radio"
Rev. Frank Nelson, *Leader*
Dr. Paul Leslie Garber, *Chairman*

IV "The European Church, Today and Tomorrow"
Prof. Joseph L. Hromadka, *Leader*
Rev. Henry Schroder, *Chairman*

V "Youth in Quest of Religious Reality"
Miss Clarice Bowman, *Leader*
Rev. Carl H. King, *Chairman*

VI "Music Clinic"
Prof. W. P. Twaddell, *Leader*

VII "The Church Program"
Dr. Paul Austin Wolfe, *Leader*

VIII "Children's Religion—in Home"
Dr. Aline McKenzie, *Leader*

IX "The Rights of the Minority"
Rabbi Julius Mark, *Leader*

X "Drama in the Church"
Dr. H. E. Spence, *Leader*

January 16th, 2:15 p. m.-3:45 p. m.

I "Week-day Religious Education"
Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., *Leader*
Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, *Chairman*



PAUL AUSTIN WOLFE

Program

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th

Evening Session

Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Presiding

7:30—Worship Through Music

7:55—Welcome Dr. E. H. Blackard
Mayor O. A. Kirkman

8:00—President's Address

Dr. W. A. Stanbury

8:30—Hymn

8:35—Address: "The Evangelical

Ministry" .. Dr. Paul A. Wolfe

9:20—Benediction

TO BE HELD IN WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, HIGH POINT

The Fifth Annual State-wide Convocation of Churches will open Tuesday, January 14th, at 7:30 p. m., at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, N. C. Dr. Paul Austin Wolfe, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York City, will deliver the first in his series of three addresses.

Also appearing on the first evening's program will be Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem, and President of the North Carolina Council of Churches, who will deliver the president's annual address. Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the N. C. Council of Churches, will preside.

The Convocation will be held in High Point under the sponsorship of the High Point Ministerial Association in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce of that city. Much credit is due the many High Point citizens for their fullest co-operation in the promotion of this annual state-wide religious event.

Appearing on the three-day program will be many state and out-of-state clergymen and religious lay leaders who will deal with the theme, "The Faith of the Church and the World Crisis."

The music of the Convocation will be in charge of Mr. J. Gurney Briggs, director of music of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point. Choirs from many parts of the state will provide worship periods of music.

In connection with the Group Institutes, Prof. W. P. Twaddell, one of the state's outstanding musical directors, will conduct two Music Clinics, giving special emphasis to the organization of the musical life of the local church.

The Convocation must be self-sustaining and therefore it is necessary that every one attending purchase a Convocation Membership of \$1.00, payable in advance or at the door. This membership is transferable and you are urged to let your friends use yours for sessions you are not able to attend. For the convenience of all concerned, registration booths will be open at the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church all day January 14.

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Dr. E. H. Blackard—Pastor, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, N. C.

Dr. W. Dyer Blair—Director of Vacation and Week-day Church Schools and Community Relations, International Council of Religious Education, New York, N. Y.

Miss Clarice Bowman—Youth Department, Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw—Conference Secretary of Christian Education, North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, Durham, N. C.

Mr. J. Gurney Briggs—Director of Music, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, High Point, N. C.

Dr. Mason Crum—Assistant Professor of Biblical Literature, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Dr. Mark A. Dawber—Executive Secretary of Home Missions Council, New York, N. Y.

Rev. George E. Dillinger—Pastor, The First Evangelical and Reformed Church, Burlington, N. C.

Dr. David E. Faust—Professor, Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C.

Dr. Paul Leslie Garber—Pastor, Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham, N. C.

Dr. John C. Glenn—Pastor, Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C.

Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Jr.—Professor of Education, Davidson College, Davidson, N. C. Chairman of the Council's Committee on Week-day Religious Education.

Rev. Cecil E. Haworth—Pastor, Central Friends Church, High Point, N. C.

Rev. C. E. Hix, Jr.—Pastor, Methodist Church, La Grange, N. C.

Prof. Joseph L. Hromadka—Guest Professor of Christian Ethics, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. Formerly of the University of Prague.

Rev. Carl H. King—Conference Secretary of Christian Education, Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, Salisbury, N. C.

Mr. O. A. Kirkman—Mayor, High Point, N. C.

Rev. F. C. Lester—Promotional Secretary of the Congregational-Christian Churches, Elon College, N. C.

HOTELS AND HOUSING

Hotels:

1. The Sheraton Hotel:
(All rooms with bath)
Single Room—\$2.50 and up.
Double Room—\$3.50 and up.
2. The Elwood Hotel:
Single Room—with bath—\$2.00 and up.
Single Room—without bath—\$1.50 and up.
Double Room—\$2.50 and up.

Tourist Homes:

1. Maple Inn.
2. Sunset Tourist Home.

Please write directly to the above for reservations.

Further information regarding hotels and housing may be had by addressing: Mr. F. J. Sizemore, Chamber of Commerce, High Point, N. C.

CONVOCATION MEMBERSHIP

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Convocation of Churches

High Point, January 14, 15, 16, 1941

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Dr. W. O. Lewis—General Secretary of Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C. Successor to Dr. George W. Truett.

Dr. J. H. Lightbourne—Pastor, First Christian Church, Burlington, N. C.

Rabbi Julius Mark—Rabbi of Vine Street Temple, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Aline McKenzie—Staff-Leadership Education, Presbyterian Church, U. S., Chapel Hill, N. C.

Rev. Frank Nelson—Director and Minister of Community Presbyterian Church, Lakewood, Ohio.

Dr. Albert C. Outler—Instructor in Historical Theology, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Bishop Edwin A. Penick—Bishop of North Carolina Diocese of The Protestant Episcopal Church, Raleigh, N. C., and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl—Bishop of Southern Province, Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. Former President of North Carolina Council of Churches.

Mr. R. L. Pope—Chairman, Board of Finance, Council of Churches, Thomasville, N. C.

Bishop Clare Purcell—Bishop of the Methodist Church, North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences, Charlotte, N. C.

Rev. Newton J. Robinson—Pastor, Hillier Memorial Church, Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. Henry A. Schroder—Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Durham, N. C.

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Each Sunday

2:15-2:30 o'clock

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January 5, 1941

PROGRAM

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Morning Session

Dr. J. C. Glenn, Presiding

9:30—Worship Meditation

Rev. M. L. Banister

9:50—Address: "The Rural Church
and the Present World
Crisis" . . . Dr. Mark A. Dawber

10:25—Hymn

10:30—Address: "Faith Cometh by
Hearing" . . Rev. Frank Nelson

11:00—Intermission

11:10—Address: "Return to Vital
Religion" . . Dr. John C. Slomp

11:50—Hymn

11:55—Address: "The Teaching
Ministry" . . Dr. Paul A. Wolfe

12:35—Benediction

Afternoon Session

2:15-3:45—Group Institutes

General Session

Rev. George E. Dillinger, Presiding

3:50—Worship Through Music

4:10—Address: "The Church That Is
To Be" . . Bishop Clare Purcell

4:50—Hymn

Benediction

Evening Session

Dr. J. H. Lighthourne, Presiding

7:30—Worship Through Music

8:00—Address: "Why the Jew Is Per-
secuted" . . . Rabbi Julius Mark

8:45—Hymn

Benediction

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th

Morning Session

Rev. Cecil E. Haworth, Presiding

9:30—Worship Meditation

Rev. M. L. Banister

9:50—Address: "The Present Crisis
and the Christian Church" . .
Prof. Joseph L. Hromadka

10:30—Hymn

10:35—Address: "The Christian
Churches United in
Action" Mr. R. L. Pope

11:00—Intermission

11:10—Address: "The Dilemma of
Protestantism"

Dr. Albert C. Outler

11:50—Hymn

11:55—Address: "Background of the
Present European Struggle"

Dr. W. O. Lewis

12:35—Hymn

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General Session

Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, Presiding

3:50—Worship Through Music

4:10—Address: "God in Educa-
tion" Dr. W. Dyer Blair

4:50—Hymn

Benediction

Evening Session

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Presiding

7:30—Worship Through Music

8:00—Address: "The Ministry of the
Word and the Sacraments"
Dr. Paul Austin Wolfe

8:45—Hymn

Benediction

WIDE VARIETY OF GROUP INSTI- TUTES ARE SCHEDULED

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II "The Rural Minister as a Com-
munity Leader"

Dr. Mark Dawber, *Leader*

Rev. F. C. Lester, *Chairman*

III "The Church's Use of Radio"

Rev. Frank Nelson, *Leader*

Dr. Paul Leslie Garber, *Chairman*

IV "The European Church Today
and Tomorrow"

Prof. Joseph L. Hromadka, *Leader*

Rev. Newton J. Robinson, *Chairman*

V "Youth in Quest of Religious
Reality"

Miss Clarice Bowman, *Leader*

Rev. Robert Bradshaw, *Chairman*

VI "Music Clinic"

Prof. W. P. Twaddell, *Leader*

VII "The Minister and His Advisors"

Dr. Paul Austin Wolfe, *Leader*

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Dr. Aline McKenzie, *Leader*

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Needs"

Dr. W. O. Lewis, *Leader*

X "Protestant Conceptions of the
Church"

Dr. Albert C. Outler, *Leader*

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Interest Grows in Week-day Religious Education Convocation Leaders Acknowledge Power and Growth of the Council

16 DENOMINATIONS REPRESENTED AT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The first purpose of the North Carolina Council of Churches, as stated in the Constitution, is "To promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ constituting the several Communion of North Carolina."

The Annual Convocation has sought to carry out this purpose. Sixteen denominations were represented at the meeting in High Point in January. By request we are presenting in part the report of the Committee on Findings and Resolutions as read at the closing session of the Convocation.

"Thoughtful consideration of the three days of Convocation experience which has been afforded us, under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Council of Churches, impels your Committee on Findings and Resolutions to recognize for appreciative report the following:

"The general theme of this Convocation, 'The Faith of the Church and the World Crisis,' was timely and of high merit. Both formal addresses and group institutes have so focused attention upon the present world situation as to awaken all of us to a much clearer understanding of the crisis in the midst of which we live to an awareness of the great responsibility which summons the Church of Christ to unity and to action. The dominant note we have heard sounded was that of an imperiled international Christianity challenging the whole of Christendom to steadfast faith and to devoted and extended Christian service.

"We acknowledge with great appreciation the excellent instruction and inspiration which has been made available to ministers and lay workers for the betterment of the service, in their local churches along the lines of Christian Education, Music, Youth Problems, and the Churches' Use of Radio. More and more the Annual Convocation of Churches is proving itself a forum for the helpful discussion of problems common to all our churches and religious groups.

"The excellence of the program of this Convocation, in line with those of former years, the widening interest of attendants on its sessions, and the growth

A Challenge

How will the churches and religious forces of North Carolina minister to the thousands of men now pouring into our army camps and into the areas of large national defense jobs? This is a question which has been put to our denominational leaders. The replies from representatives of eleven denominations indicated that two groups have already made some plans for local work, five groups are waiting for action from their National Boards and four groups have not as yet given the matter consideration, either because of the smallness of their denomination or because it is felt that few of their members are located in the areas of the camps and other areas affected.

The government has made provision for the denominational bodies to furnish chaplains for services inside the camps but through its Army Chief of Staff, General George C. Marshall, has declared that the social and religious forces must control the areas outside the army confines. General Marshall warns the country that vicious interests are already at work to debauch the young men who have been conscripted. In a nation-wide radio broadcast, the head of the army made a plea for help from the local communities to protect the recruits from the moral pitfalls which are being dug to trap them.

Almost without exception our denominational leaders are anxious that we co-operate in meeting the challenge which faces us here in North Carolina. While we realize that much of the work must be done through the denominational channels, only by co-operative efforts will we be able to present a united front.

The army forms itself into divisions in order that it may reach its desired goal. Cannot the Christian forces, through the denominational set-ups, find some way in which we can pool our resources and efforts to do this job before us?

ELECTIVE BIBLE COURSES ARE OFFERED IN MANY SCHOOLS*

A veritable wave of enthusiasm for the teaching of the Bible in the public schools is sweeping the state of North Carolina. Thoughtful leaders, both rural and urban, are beginning to realize the dangers of an education largely secular in its emphasis. They are convinced that the training of the mind without adequate cultivation of the soul tends to breed a materialistic philosophy of life which stifles the liberty of the spirit. From the realization of this fact stems a concerted effort to increase the religious content of the child's educational experience. Following is a summary of recent developments which bear eloquent testimony to the growing interest in this movement.

The State Department of Public Instruction has made provision in its teacher training program for the certification of Bible teachers. This means that Bible courses can be offered in the public schools for credit, which will be recognized by the State Department for graduation from high school and by all the colleges as valid elective units for entrance to the freshman class.

A steady stream of inquiries has been directed at the Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches and its Committee on Week-day Religious Education. Among communities contemplating the inauguration of Bible courses in their schools are the following: North Wilkesboro, Durham, Shelby, Leaksville-Spray, Morehead City, Hillsboro, Goldsboro, Hickory, Sardis, Rowland, Kinston, Chapel Hill, and Statesville.

A larger number of places than ever before included the teaching of the Bible in the curriculum of the public schools during the past year. While the following list is probably not complete, it is

*P. H. Gwynn, Jr., Chairman,
Committee on Week-day Religious Education,
North Carolina Council of Churches.

NOTE: Other members of committee include:
Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, Wilmington, N. C.
Dr. Clyde Erwin, Raleigh, N. C.
Dr. E. H. Garinger, Charlotte, N. C.
Rev. Carl King, Salisbury, N. C.

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● ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Council of Churches is to be held in Hillsboro, September 16th. Representatives of practically all denominations of the state will be the guests of the vestry and congregation of St. Matthews Episcopal Church and the Ministerial Association of Hillsboro. The meeting will open with a fellowship luncheon to be followed by the general session of the Council.

● OUR PROGRAM FOR 1940-41

As Adopted at Annual Meeting
September 17, 1940

1. An Annual Convocation of Churches.
2. A Program of Prisoner Rehabilitation.
3. A Library Service Department.
4. An Information Exchange.
5. Rural Institutes and Surveys.
6. Music Conferences and a Music Service Department.
7. A Program of Race Relations.
8. A Program for Promoting Week-day Religious Education.
9. A Visual Service Department.
10. A Comprehensive Radio Ministry.
11. A Student Worker's Conference.
12. A State-wide Student Conference.
13. A Social Actions Committee.
14. A Chain of Christian Life Assemblies.

● FREE SERVICE

If you are planning to build or improve your church, may we call your attention to the free consulting service of the Bureau of Architecture of the Home Missions Council, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City. Mr. E. M. Conover, Director of this Interdenominational Bureau of Architecture, is rendering the churches of America an invaluable service. The Bureau does not take the place of the architect. Its work is advisory and consultatory. It aims to provide and co-operate with leadership for building and improving the House of God. Write for survey plans, lists of leaflet literature and books.

Incidentally, there is a movement on foot in Virginia to improve the church surroundings, especially the lawns and yards of rural churches. Let us hope that such a movement might spread to North Carolina.

● ALL SHARING

The following denominational bodies are now contributing to the financial support of the North Carolina Council of Churches:

Associate Reformed Presbyterian
Congregational-Christian
Disciples of Christ
Evangelical and Reformed
Friends
Methodist
Moravian
Presbyterian
Protestant Episcopal
United Lutheran
Universalist

● AN ADDED SERVICE

Aside from the opportunity of sharing in the larger fellowship provided by the North Carolina Council of Churches, each individual church contributing two cents or more per member will become a regular receiver of the **International Journal of Religious Education**, a periodical which furnishes practical and inspirational help for every church worker. It is the only magazine of its kind in America.

● QUESTION ANSWERED

The question has often been asked: How did the North Carolina Council of Churches come into being? On January 22, 1935, one hundred and eleven denominational leaders and interested laymen representing thirteen denominations from all parts of the state met in Greensboro to consider the matter of reorganizing the State Sunday School Association and making it into a Council of Churches, thereby enlarging its scope of activities. Certain plans were made at this and subsequent meetings and the Council of Churches was officially organized on May 21, 1935. Representatives of 13 denominations participated in the formation of the Council's policy and program.

● ADULT CONFERENCE

June 16-23

Central Atlantic United Christian Regional Adult Conference, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia. Auspices International Council of Religious Education.

Dr. Harry C. Munro, Chicago, Illinois—Conference Director.

Rev. Minor C. Miller, Bridgewater, Virginia—Conference Registrar.

Registration Fee—\$4.00.

Room and Board—\$9.00.

Leaders:

Edward D. Grant, Richmond, Va.
Hornell Hart, Durham, N. C.
Walter Johnson, Salisbury, N. C.
Miss Annie Tait Jenkins, Atlanta, Ga.
Roswell Barnes, New York City.
Miss Mary Amelia Steer, Philadelphia, Pa.
S. J. Patterson, Richmond, Va.
Mark Dawber, Chicago, and a host of others.

● MEXICO—June 16-20

International Congress of Christian Education, Mexico City.

Theme: "Christian Education and World Evangelization," with special reference to the implications for Christian education today and tomorrow, of contemporary world conditions.

Limited enrollment. Persons interested in being invited to attend should make such desire known to the Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches or to the denominational secretaries for Christian Education. Special transportation and hotel rates available. Lack of space forbids listing of attractive program scheduled. Write if interested.

● 4-H CHURCH SUNDAY

Mr. L. R. Harrell, State 4-H Club Leader, has announced that Sunday, April 27th, has been designated as State 4-H Club Sunday in North Carolina. This year, as in the past, many ministers and churches throughout the state will welcome the opportunity to recognize the splendid work of the 4-H Clubs members and leaders. On this designated day, many churches will see fit to turn over to 4-H Club members a large part of the church services, including the preparation and distribution of church bulletins, the reading of the scripture lesson, serving as ushers, taking up collection, presenting special music and planning special services.

In light of the fact that so many of our rural youths are not connected with any church, this appears to be a splendid way in which to enlist many of those not participating in church work.

● IN OUR STATE

11,543 or 59.2% of the 19,490 prisoners admitted to the North Carolina prisons last year were under thirty years of age. Of these 16,238 or 83.8% were under forty years of age.

INTEREST GROWS IN WEEK-DAY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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representative of what is being accomplished throughout the state in this field. Public schools in North Carolina now making some provision for Week-day Religious Education:

Asheville	Lenoir
Burlington	Maxton
Charlotte	Monroe
Cherryville	Mooresville
Dudley	New Bern
Elizabeth City	Raeford
Fayetteville	Red Springs
Kannapolis	Reidsville
Kenly	Swannanoa
Kings Mountain	Thomasville
Laurinburg	Wilmington

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina took official action last fall endorsing the movement for the teaching of the Bible in the public schools of the state as an accredited, elective subject. Other religious organizations have taken similar action and appointed committees to co-operate in achieving the objectives of the program.

Regional conferences of teachers of the Bible in day schools are being advocated and one such conference has been held. Those engaged in this work in the Southeastern District of the North Carolina Education Association met on February 8 at Fayetteville for personal fellowship and discussion of mutual problems. Officers of the group were elected and future meetings for professional improvement were planned. Dr. R. H. Latham, Superintendent of Asheville City Schools, has just announced tentative plans for a meeting on April 4 of all Bible teachers of the state. This meeting has been scheduled for Asheville in connection with the Education Association Meeting.

Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt of Wilmington, a member of the Council's Committee, has given a great deal of her time to this cause. She has helped several communities to get started with the teaching of the Bible. Through patient effort over a period of several years she has collected one of the best libraries of literature and sources on Week-day Religious Education to be found anywhere. All the material is practical and useful. It is at the disposal of any community which is seriously undertaking to increase the spiritual offerings of its schools. Mrs. Sprunt herself is now available for consultation and help. Those who are planning to agitate this matter would do well to seek her counsel.

DURHAM:

Approximately 235 rising Junior and Senior students in the Durham High School recently indicated by ballot that they would take the Bible course if such were added to the curriculum next year. It had been previously announced that

the Bible course would be offered if as many as 90 pupils wished it. The course will be sponsored by the Durham Council of Churches and will be on an elective basis, offering a unit towards graduation. The salary of the teacher will be paid by the Durham Council of Churches and the teacher must meet the requirement of the State Board of Education.

KINSTON:

On March 18th the Kinston Ministerial Association, of which the Reverend Mr. Talmage C. Johnson is president, requested the Kinston School Board that an elective Bible course be added to the

Findings of the North Carolina Youth Survey, 1938-1940

"One-third of our urban male youths (32.7% of the white and 32.6% of the Negroes) report that they are not church members. . . In the rural areas, four out of ten (38.8%) of the male whites and three out of ten (31.6%) of the female whites say they do not belong to any church."

high school curriculum next year. The request was favorably acted upon and the Ministerial Association is now organizing a sponsoring group to raise the necessary funds and employ a full-time accredited teacher.

ORANGE COUNTY:

On March 21st an Orange County Council of Churches was organized at a mass meeting held in Hillsboro, the primary purpose of this organization being the inauguration of elective Bible courses in the public schools of Orange County, beginning in the fall of 1941.

ENGLAND:

It has recently been announced that the Archbishops of Canterbury, York and Wales, with the approval of the leaders of the Free Churches, have issued a five-point program designed to secure adequate Christian teaching in day schools. The program provides for religious instruction for all pupils on consent of their parents and for classes to be held during school hours. Full credit will be given.

J. EDGAR HOOVER SAYS:

"There is a great need for wide extension of crime prevention activities. . . The youth problem in crime is a national disgrace. The figures compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation . . . point to a definite increase in youthful criminals. . . Over 19% of all persons arrested this year have been under voting age . . . 12% of all murderers arrested; 29% of all robbers; 46% of all burglars; 23% of all thieves, and 54% of all automobile thieves. We cannot dodge the issue. . . America no longer can refuse to face the causes behind this rising tide of juvenile crime. It is a definite challenge.

"I can but think that had many of

these young criminals received proper religious teaching, they would not have followed the sordid path to crime, but would have happily selected the road to honored and useful citizenship."

CONVOCATION LEADERS
ACKNOWLEDGE

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of the spirit of fellowship and Christian unity as evidenced among us, lead us to the happy conclusion that the place and need of the Council in the religious and church life of North Carolina has now become definitely fixed. No longer can it be looked upon as an experiment or an uncertain venture in the realm of church co-operation. It has given proof of its need and its invaluable service to the cause of Christian unity and effort. The ten Protestant denominations which by official action of their several church bodies have become members of the Council, with the present year, have begun to make some contribution toward its financial support. At least two other denominations are giving co-operation to its efforts. We would express the hope that the time is not far distant, when, through this Council's agency, all Christian forces of this State shall be able in this way to give evidence of their oneness of spirit and accord and that in the various areas of the Council's service all shall find opportunity for aiding the united advance of the Kingdom.

"But we would bespeak for our Council a more liberal financial support by all the churches. The widening of its sphere of service and the extent of its offerings to the churches is directly dependent upon the increase of its finances. Individual congregations are asked to write the Council, and its work, into their annual budgets; Christians of every name and group are appealed to to help extend its work and influence."

Respectfully submitted,

J. Kenneth Pfohl, Chairman,
Paul Leslie Garber, Secretary,
Mrs. Walter Sprunt,
F. C. Lester,
R. L. Pope,
J. Winston Pearce,
E. N. Orr,
C. P. Bowles,
David Yates.

High Point, North Carolina.
January 16, 1941.

● RADIO NEWS

Many have expressed appreciation for the radio program, "The Churches Make News," heard on Sundays from 2:15-2:30 p. m. over WPTF, Raleigh. Before introducing similar programs over other stations, however, it is our wish that we hear from more of you as to the value of such a program.

● COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In many communities across North Carolina religious and lay church leaders are increasingly feeling the need for some agency to help bring about unity in the work of the various churches. This agency would enable the churches to co-operate more effectively in carrying on certain activities common to all. Some communities have found a local Council of Churches helpful in meeting this felt need. A few of the valid reasons for organizing such a Council of Churches are herewith listed.

A local Council of Churches:

Co-ordinates the religious forces of a city, town or county in efforts which make the respective area more Christian.

Enables the churches of various communions to consult and co-operate through accredited representatives for all common tasks.

Affords a stimulus and guidance for individual churches which can come only from a larger fellowship.

Unites laymen as well as ministers of all denominations through worthwhile common tasks.

Presents a united voice and a solid front on issues which make for the doing of larger tasks than can be accomplished by individual groups.

Leads to a wider field of service in that many things can be done only by co-operative efforts.

Affords individual churches the pull of outside leadership which enables them to transcend their work in scope and effectiveness.

Engages itself only in activities which are not being done by individual groups. Seeks to avoid duplication of work.

Organizes force instead of forcing organization.

Seeks for unity and not union. Becomes the unifying agency for all the participating churches.

Complements but does not supersede the Ministerial Associations.

● RURAL CHURCH SITUATION

A recent study of the rural church situation in Culpepper County, Virginia, revealed the following facts:

"Of the total white population in Culpepper County:

"52.8% are not members of a church;

"75.1% are not attending preaching services each Sunday morning;

"74.9% are not enrolled in Sunday School;

"85.8% are not attending Sunday School each Sunday morning."

The case of Culpepper County is cited simply because the survey has been completed. Similar studies are now being made in North Carolina. Will our record be any better?

The Council's support is derived from three sources: (a) co-operating denominations, (b) local churches, and (c) individuals.

PROBATION IN NORTH CAROLINA*

(Second in a series of articles on the subject of Prisoner Rehabilitation)

The N. C. State Probation Department was established by the Legislature of 1937 and started operation November 1, 1937. Through September 30, 1940, the courts of the state had placed 4,373 persons on probation. Only 451, or 10 per cent, had been brought back into the courts because of violations of laws or conditions of probation for revocation of their probation. More than 3,900, or 90 per cent, were progressing satisfactorily and were abiding by the rules and regulations of their probation as set out by the judges, or had successfully completed their probation periods.

Governor Hoey described probation as "a definite effort on the part of the State to reclaim certain offenders to society and good citizenship without the stigma of actual imprisonment and penal servitude."

When a man is placed on probation by the court he is immediately turned over to the probation officer who serves that court. This officer begins a complete study of the person and his environment to the end that in a spirit of friendship the causes of the probationer's anti-social behavior may be discovered and alleviated. Often the reasons back of the difficulties are discovered and the probationer, with the wise counsel and advice of his probation officer, sets out to rebuild a broken life. Unemployment is one of the causes of difficulties with many probationers.

Aside from the spiritual and human values involved in this rehabilitation, there are, also, economic values that reach beyond the supervision of that individual during his period of probation. It is estimated by the judges that they would of necessity have had to send at least 50 per cent, or over 2,000 of the 4,373 to prison, if there had not been a Probation Department. It costs only a fraction over 11 cents a day to supervise a probationer while it costs almost \$1.00 a day to keep a prisoner in one of our road camps.

These 4,373 probationers paid back into the courts in fines, costs, reparation and restitution more than \$191,000.00 which represents three-fourths of the cost of the actual operation of the Probation Department during the period stated. These men and women on probation have earned in excess of \$1,483,000.00. The greater part of all of their earnings have been expended for their own and their families' living expenses. There are now totally dependent upon probationers 3,920 women and children. If these probationers were in prison, this earning power would stop and many of their dependents would be dependent upon the city, county or state for support.

● HOUSE BILL 262*

In spite of the efforts of many public-minded citizens and interested groups, House Bill 262 failed. Therefore, for at least another two years, there will be no correctional home for delinquent negro girls. Though the following article was prepared prior to the close of the Legislature, it still challenges us to action and reminds us of a responsibility.—Editor's Note.

After years of endeavoring to bring about the establishment of a training school for delinquent Negro girls in North Carolina, efforts have been rewarded to a certain extent in the favorable consideration of the project by the penal institutions committee of the 1941 House of Representatives.

House Bill 262, providing for the establishment of the institution and said to have the support of Governor Broughton, was reported out of the institutions committee and sent to the House appropriations group late in February.

The bill calls for an outlay of \$70,000 of which \$50,000 is to be used for purchase of real estate and permanent improvements, the remainder to act as an operating appropriation for the biennium.

The ministerial profession may perhaps not be cognizant of the intense need for an industrial school of this nature because the majority may not have come in contact with the same situations faced daily by county welfare and social workers and juvenile court officials.

Many of these delinquent girls for years have been the daughters of mothers in the domestic service of the state who have not been able to give their children proper oversight because of the long hours necessitated by the nature of their employment.

For many of the delinquents a re-training in the proper attitudes of law observance will result in upstanding Negro citizens in later life. It is without question that law enforcement is one of the heaviest drains on the taxpayer's pocketbook; much heavier than the cost of a sane program of early training for juvenile delinquents to prevent development of permanent anti-social attitudes.

In the opinion of the sponsors of the institution, the care and treatment of juvenile delinquents is a state responsibility already recognized by the establishment years ago of training schools for white delinquents of both sexes and of Negro boys. The proposed institution will give to delinquent Negro girls the same advantages available to other youthful delinquents.

Without doubt many ministers will be glad to render this little service in behalf of these unfortunate Negro girls in North Carolina.

*Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner,
State Board of Charities and Public Welfare,
Raleigh, N. C.

*J. Harry Sample, Director of Probation Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

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Pastors' School-Rural Church Institute, June 2-7 Numerous Other Conferences Scheduled For The Summer Months

NUMBER OF INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CONFERENCES INCREASES

Rare treats are in store for all persons seeking religious conferences to attend this summer. Aside from the host of denominational meetings scheduled, there are at least three interdenominational conferences that we should like to call to your attention at this time. More complete information about any of these may be had by writing directly to the North Carolina Council of Churches, College Sta., Durham, N. C.

BLUE RIDGE

June 16-22

Final plans have been announced for the Interchurch Interfaith Conference on "The Task of the Church in Community Building," scheduled for Blue Ridge, N. C., June 16-22, 1941. The sponsoring committee of sixty, representing the ablest leadership of religion in the south, has through its conference chairman announced a program featuring nationally and internationally known leaders from all parts of our country.

The program has been so planned as to bring together agencies working interdenominationally in the south. The Conference will meet in united session for parts of the program and will divide into sections for the afternoon meetings. Section 1 will include all persons primarily interested in the preaching mission of the local church; Section 2 will include all persons primarily interested in the teaching of Religion and Philosophy of Religion in American Colleges; Section 3 will include those specially interested in the relation of Jews, Catholics and Protestants; Section 4 will include all who are interested in the religious educational program of the

BIBLE TEACHERS ORGANIZE

On April 4, 1941, the Bible teachers in the public schools of North Carolina met in Asheville for the purpose of forming themselves into an organized group which might petition the North Carolina Education Association for entrance into its membership as the Bible Department of that organization. This meeting, which was held concurrently with that of the N. C. E. A., attracted

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM

IS ANNOUNCED BY

DR. J. M. ORMOND

The 1941 session of the North Carolina Pastors' School and Rural Church Institute will begin Monday evening, June 2, at 8:30 p. m., in the University Chapel, Duke University, Durham, N. C., with Dr. Albert W. Beaven, President of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, as the principal speaker. Many prominent state and out-of-state religious leaders will be heard during the six-day session which will be brought to a close at noon Saturday, June 7th.

It is emphasized by those in charge that both the pastors' school and the rural church institute have been planned for all church leaders, irrespective of denomination. The host of participants scheduled indicate that an effort has been made to have all denominations represented. A special time is being set aside for denominational meetings.

Rooms will be provided all registrants without charge. The registration fee is \$1.00 and may be paid on arrival. Meals may be secured at the student dining room, in the coffee shop or in the men's union at from 85c to \$1.00 per day. It will not be necessary to make room reservation before registering.

Musie lovers throughout the Carolinas will welcome the opportunity to hear and know Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Dickinson, Directors of Worship at the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York City. Dr. Dickinson is also Director of the School of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary and Mrs. Dickinson is a lecturer on History of Art also at Union Theological Seminary.

Among the many other prominent leaders scheduled to appear on the six-



Duke University Chapel

25 teachers of Bible in the public schools of N. C., together with representatives of the N. C. Council of Churches and a large number of interested guests. Luncheon was served by the Asheville Executive Committee of Bible in the Public Schools. Participating in the luncheon program were: Dr. W. G. McFarland, pastor of Metho-

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churches; Section 5 will deal with state and city councils of Churches.

Among the many prominent leaders scheduled to appear on the program are:

Prof. Walter Horton—Oberlin, Ohio.
Prof. Arthur E. Holt—Chicago, Ill.
Dr. H. Paul Douglas—New York City.
Dr. E. Lee Sheppard—Raleigh, N. C.
Dr. W. W. Sikes—Berea, Ky.
Dr. A. W. Gottschall—Washington, D. C.
Dr. William J. Hutchins—St. Louis, Mo.
Dr. Frank P. Graham—Chapel Hill, N. C.
Dean W. C. Jackson—Greensboro, N. C.
Prof. Henry Wieman—Chicago, Ill.

BRIDGEWATER, VA.

June 16-23

Adult leaders from the Central Atlantic region will on June 16, 1941, assemble at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley, for their second United Christian Adult Regional Conference. All who are interested in improving the churches ministry to adults are heartily urged to attend. This Conference extends a welcome to all races and all denominations.

The Conference is designed to be of great interest to:

Ministers; general superintendents and adult division superintendents of the church school; teachers, leaders, and elected representatives of adult classes; officers and elected representatives of

women's organizations in the local church; officers and elected representatives of men's organizations in the local church; and executive officers and field representatives of the several denominations.

Among those scheduled to participate in the program are:

Dr. Edward D. Grant—Richmond, Va.
Dr. Harry C. Munro—Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Minor C. Miller—Bridgewater, Va.
Dr. Roswell Barnes—New York City.
Mrs. Harry Goedeke—Baltimore, Md.
Dr. Hornell Hart—Durham, N. C.
Rev. E. K. Higdon—Indianapolis, Ind.
Miss Annie Tait Jenkins—Atlanta, Ga.
Mr. Walter Johnson—Salisbury, N. C.
Rev. George Earl Owen—Richmond, Va.
Rev. S. J. Patterson, Jr.—Richmond, Va.
Rev. Harry V. Richardson—Tuskegee, Ala.

And a host of others.

Registration fee is \$3.00. Lodging and board is \$7.50.

MEXICO

July 16-20

The International Congress of Christian Education scheduled for Mexico City, July 16-20, 1941, will undoubtedly attract many North Carolina Christians. The very fact that such an international meeting—cutting across boundaries of nation and race—is being held at this time is an evidence of the courage and confidence of the followers of the Master.

Those attending will have the opportunity of hearing such leaders as:

Mr. Saya U Ba Ohn—President, Burma Sunday School Union.
Dr. Arlo A. Brown—President, Drew University.
Miss Zakeya Esa—Staff Member of the American College for Girls, Cairo, Egypt.
Dr. Ralph Felton—Professor of Rural Work, Drew University.
Mrs. H. V. K. Gillmore—Vice-Chairman, World Council, W. S. S. A.
Dr. Robert M. Hopkins—President, United Christian Missionary Society; formerly General Secretary, World's Sunday School Association.
Dr. E. Stanley Jones—Evangelist at large for the North India (Methodist) Annual Conference.
Dr. Adolf Keller—General Secretary, European Central Office for Inter-Church Aid; and Vice-Chairman of World Council, W. S. S. A.
Dr. Henry Smith Leiper—American Secretary, World Council of Churches.
Dr. Chester S. Miao—Executive Secretary, National Committee for Christian Religious Education in China.
Mr. Martin Rodriguez—of the Honduras Evangelical and Reformed Church.
Dr. Emory Ross—General Secretary, Foreign Missions Conference; and Director of the Conference on "Christian Education in Africa" in the Congress.
Dr. Roy G. Ross—General Secretary, International Council of Religious Education.
Miss Pearl Rosser—Director of Children's Work Division, American Baptist Publication Society; and Director of the Conference on "Christian Education of Children" in the Congress.

Dr. Paul H. Vieth—Professor of Christian Nurture, Yale Divinity School.

Dr. Luther A. Weigle—Dean of Yale Divinity School; and Chairman of the World Council of the W. S. S. A.

Dr. H. Yuasa—formerly President of Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan; and now honorary associate for International Church Relations of the Congregational-Christian Churches.

BIBLE TEACHERS ORGANIZE

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dist Church, Asheville; Mr. L. H. New, Chairman, Executive Committee of Interdenominational Committee for Bible in Asheville Public Schools; Dr. Elizabeth Ramsay, Chairman of Hostess Committee, Asheville; Rev. E. J. Arnold, Executive Secretary, N. C. Council of Churches, Durham; Miss Janet Robinson, teacher of Bible in Central High School, Charlotte; Rev. James Carr, Director of Religious Education, Synod Appalachia, Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rev. I. S. McElroy, of The American Bible Society, Richmond, Va.; and Rev. H. G. Hammett, of Waynesville, N. C.

Dr. Price Gwynn, Jr., Chairman of the N. C. Council's Committee on Week-day Religious Education, was the principal speaker at the afternoon session, at which time plans were made for further activity of the group and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

President—Miss Janet Robinson, Central High School, Charlotte, N. C.

Vice-President—Miss Maude Weber, New Hanover High School, Wilmington, N. C.

Secretary—Miss Bowers MacKorell, Lee Edwards High School, Asheville, N. C.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED BY DR. J. M. ORMOND

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day program are the following persons:

Dr. Oscar T. Olson—Minister in the Epworth-Euclid Methodist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
Dr. C. E. Forlines—President of Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md.
Dr. W. A. Smart—Professor of Biblical Theology, Candler School, Emory University, Ga.
Dr. James Moffatt—Professor of Church History, Union Theological Seminary.
Dr. I. S. McElroy—Secretary of the South Atlantic District of the American Bible Society.
Bishop Clare Purcell—Bishop of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church.
Dr. Albert W. Beaven—President of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and Professor of Practical Theology.
Dr. Bernard C. Clausen—Minister, First Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Penn.
Miss Elizabeth Oliver—Director of Children's Work, Board of Education, Western North Carolina Conference, The Methodist Church.
Dr. Wesley M. Carr—Professor of Missions, Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.
Dr. Arthur W. Hewitt—Minister, Methodist Church, Northfield and Northfield Falls, Vt.
Dr. Ellis A. Fuller—Minister of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

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What Is The North Carolina Council of Churches?

What Is the Purpose of the Council?

The Council's three-fold purpose is:

(1) To promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ constituting the several communions of North Carolina, (2) to serve as a medium of inter-church advice and counsel on matters affecting the progress of Christianity in the state, and (3) to associate the communions in such joint service as may achieve more effectively the objectives of the Christian religion.

When and By Whom Was It Organized?

On January 22, 1935, one hundred and eleven clergymen and interested laymen representing thirteen denominations from all parts of the state met in Greensboro to consider the matter of reorganizing the State Sunday School Association and making it into a Council of Churches, thereby enlarging its scope of activities. Certain plans were made at this and subsequent meetings and the Council of Churches was officially organized on May 21, 1935.

Who Plans the Program of the Council?

The Council meets in annual session each September, at which time the program and policies for the ensuing year are mapped by the denominational representatives themselves.

Who Are the Representatives To the Council?

For full list, see back page.

How Are the Council Representatives Chosen?

"The membership of the Council shall be composed by direct action of each communion, either by election, appointment, or nomination, as each body may determine."—Constitution.

Why Do Some Denominations Have More Representatives Than Others?

"Each co-operating communion shall be permitted three representatives on the Council for the first ten thousand communicant members, and two for each additional twenty thousand or major fraction thereof up to fifty thousand, and beyond that there shall be one for each fifty thousand, or major fraction thereof"—Constitution.

Who Are the Council's Officers?

- The officers for 1940-41 are:
- President* . . . Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Winston-Salem
First Vice-President . . . Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Raleigh
Second Vice-President . . . Dr. J. R. Cunningham, Davidson
Recording Secretary . . . Mrs. Henry A. White, High Point
Treasurer . . . Mr. Everett B. Weatherspoon, Durham
Executive Secretary . . . Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Durham

Who Compose the Executive Committee?

With Bishop Edwin A. Penick as chairman, the following, in addition to the officers above mentioned, are members of the Executive Committee:

Dr. David E. Faust . . . Salisbury
Dr. Stanley C. Harrell . . . Durham
Rev. Murray C. Johnson . . . Greensboro
Bishop Clare Purcell . . . Charlotte
Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl . . . Winston-Salem
Dr. George H. Rhodes . . . Albemarle
Dr. H. Shelton Smith . . . Durham

How Is the Program Projected?

The Council's Board of Christian Activities is responsible for promoting the program as mapped by the full Council. This Board has power to create such special committees as may be necessary but its actions are always subject to the approval of the Executive Committee in the interim. The Council also employs a full-time executive secretary and office secretary.

What Are Some of the Committees And Who Are Their Chairmen?

- Radio Ministry*—Dr. Paul Leslie Garber, Durham
Week-day Religious Education—Dr. Price Gwynn, Jr., Davidson
Social Action—Dr. Edgar Henderson . . . Raleigh
Prisoner Rehabilitation—Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Raleigh
Student Workers' Conference—Miss Vera Gang, Raleigh
Rural Life and Work—Dr. J. M. Ormond, Durham

Other committees and departments are under the supervision of the Council's Executive Secretary, who is directly responsible to the Board of Christian Activities, of which Dr. H. Shelton Smith is Chairman.

How Is the Council Financed?

The Council derives its income from three main sources: denominational bodies, individual churches and interested persons.

What Is the Budget of the Council?

The 1940-41 budget is \$6,647.35.

How Can Such an Organization Operate on Such a Modest Budget?

Just as any banking clearing house can often operate on a budget smaller than many individual banks using its service, so can a Council of Churches working on the same principal operate on a budget smaller than that of the average city church. The Council does not set out to inaugurate a program independent of and in competition with the organized religious forces but rather it seeks to co-ordinate the efforts of all the religious bodies by enlisting the leadership of all communions in joint service on activities common to all.

Who Is Responsible for Raising the Budget?

The Council's Board of Finance, under the able leadership of Mr. R. L. Pope, Thomasville, and President John R. Cunningham, Davidson College, is charged with the responsibility of raising the Council's budget for 1940-41. Other members of this Board are:

- Rev. H. D. Althouse . . . Hickory
Rev. George E. Dillinger . . . Burlington
Rev. N. W. Grant . . . Rocky Mount
Mr. J. F. Harrelson . . . Salisbury
Mr. H. S. Haworth . . . High Point
Rev. James A. Jones . . . Charlotte
Dr. G. L. Kerr . . . Winston-Salem
Mr. Clarence Leinbach . . . Winston-Salem
Dr. J. H. Lightbourne . . . Burlington
Rev. Walter R. Noe . . . Wilmington
Mr. C. W. Phillips . . . Greensboro
Dr. G. H. Rhodes . . . Albemarle
Rev. Newton J. Robinson . . . Raleigh
Dr. H. Shelton Smith . . . Durham
Rev. John R. Tolar . . . Fayetteville
Mr. Everett Weatherspoon . . . Durham

What Denominations Contribute to the Council?

The following denominational bodies are now contributing to the financial support of the state-wide co-operative program:

- Associate Reformed Presbyterian
- Congregational-Christian
- Disciples of Christ
- Evangelical and Reformed
- Friends
- Methodist
- Moravian
- Presbyterian, U. S.
- Protestant Episcopal
- United Lutheran
- Universalist.

Does the Council Have Mandatory Power Over Denominations?

The constitution clearly states that "the Council shall exist as a voluntary association, and shall be without mandatory power in relation to the bodies choosing to make use of it as a channel of counsel and of joint Christian expression" and that "the complete autonomy and corporate integrity of each communion shall be mutually respected and safeguarded in all relations involving inter-denominational fellowship and action."

Where Are the Council Headquarters?

The office of the Council of Churches is located in the West Duke Building, on the East Campus of Duke University, Durham.

All communications to the Council should be addressed:

North Carolina Council of Churches
College Station
Durham, N. C.

ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

1. *Fellowship—Annual Convocation of Churches*—North Carolina churchmen, both ministers and laymen, look forward from year to year to the annual Convocation of Churches. Representatives of sixteen denominations attended the Fifth Annual gathering at High Point, January 14, 15 and 16, 1941.

2. *Prisoner Rehabilitation*—Approximately 20,000 prisoners are released from the North Carolina prisons each year. 58% of these are repeaters. By united effort on the part of all church people throughout the state, we can help these men, women and youth to rehabilitate themselves at the completion of their sentences and become valuable citizens.

3. *Rural Institutes*—The Council sponsors regional study conferences and institutes throughout the state, bringing together leaders from all denominations to think through their mutual problems and plan their strategy for possible solutions. County and community surveys furnish the basis for intelligent co-operative action.

4. *Music Conferences and Music Service Department*—This department grew out of a felt need for some agency which would provide ways and means of improving the music in our North Carolina Churches through hymn study and counseling on the techniques of training adults, young people's and children's choirs. Mrs. W. H. Davis, Asheville, ably directed the activity of this department until her death last winter.

5. *Week-day Religious Education*—The Council's committee on Week-day Religious Education, under the capable leadership of Dr. Price Gwynn, Jr., Davidson, has been of inestimable service to the host of communities throughout North Caro-

lina interested in inaugurating elective Bible courses in the Public Schools. Public school officials have declared that the week-day religious education program in North Carolina could not have made successful progress had it not been for the work of the Council of Churches, through its committee on this work.

6. *Race Relations*—The Council co-operates with the already well organized North Carolina Commission on Interracial Co-operation and the national agencies in this field. It promotes observance of the annual Race Relations Sunday

through distribution of literature, use of the press and radio.

7. *Radio Ministry*—Concerted effort at using this indispensable method of reaching the great masses both within and without the church. Programs are now being developed for all ages, especially children and youth. "The Churches Make News," a weekly presentation of religious news, both at home and abroad, is a weekly feature of WPTF, Raleigh. Dr. Paul Leslie Garber, Durham, N. C., is chairman of the Council's Committee on Radio Ministry.

8. *Visual Service Department*—Believing that "a picture is worth a thousand words" and that the church should and must use this improved method of teaching, this department has been set up. Issues periodically "Visual Reviews" covering latest information on slides, films, film strips, projectors and other visual aids. Latest plans of the department call for the establishment of a distributing center for supplying all churches with visual materials and equipment at the lowest possible cost.

9. *Student Workers' Conference*—Two annual gatherings of student workers, pastors and college students have been held to date. The third gathering of this group has been scheduled for February, 1942. This is the only state-wide gathering of the full-time student Christian workers on our North Carolina college campuses.

10. *Information Exchange*—A storehouse of information is on file in the Council office concerning religious bodies and social agencies both within and without the state. This information has been compiled for your use. Use it to advantage.



Jesus prayed that the world might be one. But let us remember that world unity cannot come until it first comes in the hearts and minds of Christian people and in the place where we most often pray for it—in the churches.

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES*

Associate Reformed Presbyterian:

Rev. P. L. Grier, Route 2, Charlotte.
Rev. J. R. Love, Charlotte.
Dr. E. N. Orr, Charlotte.

Congregational-Christian:

Dr. J. H. Lightbourne, Burlington.
Rev. A. L. Granger, Jr., Asheboro.
Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., Raleigh.

Disciples of Christ:

Rev. T. E. Morton, Charlotte.
Rev. J. Wayne Drash, Kinston.
Rev. C. C. Ware, Wilson.
Rev. H. O. Wilson, Winston-Salem.
Rev. Newton J. Robison, Raleigh.

Evangelical and Reformed:

Dr. David E. Faust, Salisbury.
Rev. Banks J. Peeler, Lexington.
Dr. W. W. Rowe, Lenoir.

Friends:

Dr. Samuel Haworth, Guilford College.
Rev. Murray C. Johnson, Greensboro.
Mrs. Henry A. White, High Point.

Methodist:

Dr. J. M. Culbreth, Chapel Hill.
Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Greensboro.
Dr. E. L. Hillman, Rocky Mount.
Rev. C. E. Hix, Jr., LaGrange.
Mr. J. B. Ivey, Charlotte.
Rev. C. H. King, Salisbury.
Dr. P. E. Lindley, High Point.
Dr. J. M. Ormond, Durham.
Dr. M. T. Plyler, Greensboro.
Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Winston-Salem.
Dr. C. C. Weaver, Winston-Salem.
Rev. J. J. Wood, Elk Park.

Alternates

Rev. J. Clyde Auman, Thomasville.
Mr. B. V. Hedrick, Salisbury.

Moravian:

Rev. Walser H. Allen, Kernersville.
Rev. George G. Higgins, Greensboro.
Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Winston-Salem.

Presbyterian, United States:

Dr. John M. Alexander, Fayetteville.
Mr. J. N. Benton, Greensboro.
Rev. James A. Jones, Charlotte.

Rev. A. J. McKelway, Pinehurst.
Dr. J. H. Whitmore, Wilmington.
Rev. Samuel S. Wiley, Greensboro.

Protestant Episcopal:

Rev. James D. Beckwith, Hillsboro.
Dr. Francis H. Craighill, Rocky Mount.
Rev. J. R. Rountree, Kinston.
Rev. J. A. Vache, Greensboro.

United Lutheran:

Dr. George H. Rhodes, Albemarle.
Rev. H. A. Schroder, Durham.
Rev. W. D. Yount, Rural Hall.

APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL

Dr. W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest.
Dr. J. R. Cunningham, Davidson.
Bishop Thomas C. Darst, Wilmington.
Dr. L. E. M. Freeman, Raleigh.
Dean W. C. Jackson, Greensboro.
Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Raleigh.
Bishop Clare Purcell, Charlotte.
Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Durham.
Mr. Everett Weatherspoon, Durham.

*Space does not permit the inclusion of names of the many persons serving on the various committees.

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North Carolina Churchmen Hold Annual Session

Bishop Edwin A. Penick Succeeds Dr. W. A. Stanbury As President

REV. E. J. ARNOLD, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, IS RE-ELECTED

HILLSBORO IS HOST TO REPRESENTATIVES OF 13 DENOMINATIONS

At the annual meeting of the N. C. Council of Churches, September 16th, the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of North Carolina, was elected president of the Council to succeed Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem. Bishop Penick has long been interested in the inter-church work of the state and has, for the past year, served as chairman of the Executive Committee. Other officers elected were:

Dr. J. R. Cunningham	Davidson
<i>First Vice-President</i>	
Dr. J. H. Lightbourne	Burlington
<i>Second Vice-President</i>	
Mrs. H. A. White	High Point
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	
Mr. E. B. Weatherspoon	Durham
<i>Treasurer</i>	

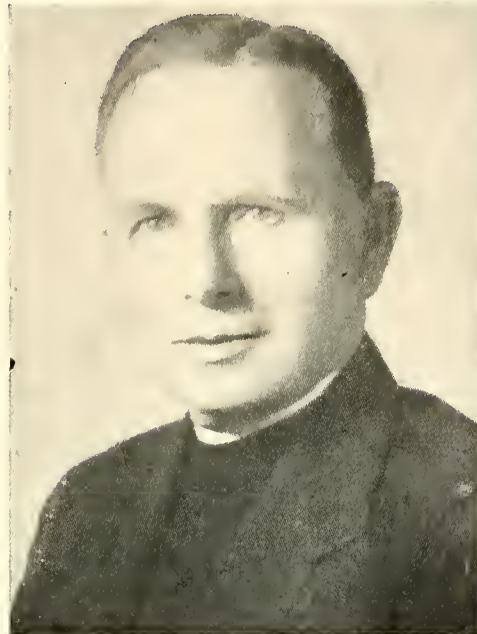
Dr. Elbert C. Russell, Dean Emeritus of the Duke University Divinity School and Dr. Stanbury, were elected to the Executive Committee to serve until 1944. Dr. David E. Faust, Catawba College, Salisbury, whose term on the Executive Committee expired with this meeting, was re-elected. Other members of the Executive Committee whose terms continue another year are:

Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl	Winston-Salem
Dr. George H. Rhodes	Albemarle
Rev. C. C. Ware	Wilson
Dr. Stanley C. Harrell	Durham
Dr. John R. Cunningham	Davidson
Dr. H. Shelton Smith	Durham

Rev. E. J. Arnold was re-elected Executive Secretary. His immediate advisory board will consist of Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Dr. J. M. Ormond and Bishop Penick.

The official membership of the Council is made up of representatives appointed by the denominational bodies and eleven individuals appointed by the Council. Those of the latter group appointed to serve for the ensuing year are:

Dr. W. R. Cullom	Wake Forest
Dr. J. R. Cunningham	Davidson
Dr. Mortimer W. Glover	Wilmington
Dr. L. E. M. Freeman	Raleigh
Dean W. C. Jackson	Greensboro
Dr. Clyde A. Erwin	Raleigh
Bishop Edwin A. Penick	Raleigh
Bishop Clare Purcell	Charlotte
Dr. H. Shelton Smith	Durham
Mr. Everett Weatherspoon	Durham
Dr. P. D. Brown	Salisbury



The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHT OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Fellowship Luncheon of the Council of Churches was held in the Masonic Lodge, Hillsboro, prior to the annual meeting, September 16. Present for this luncheon, which was given by the Hillsboro Ministerial Association and the women's organizations of the Hillsboro churches, were the Council representatives, members of the Board of Finance, Board of Christian Activities, various committee members and their wives, ministers and lay representatives of the Hillsboro churches and other invited guests.

Presiding over the luncheon was the Rev. Elwood Carroll, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, Greensboro. Before the invocation, pronounced by Rev. S. F. Nicks, pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Church, the group joined in singing one verse of "Break Thou the Bread of Life." The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. James D. Beckwith, pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsboro. The response was given by Dr. W. A. Stanbury, president of the Council.

Bishop Edwin A. Penick was heard with great interest on the subject, "The Christian Church in the World Today." We regret that it is impossible to carry this address in this bulletin. It is available, however, in mimeographed form for those desiring a copy.

—Address—

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
Durham, N. C.

On Tuesday, September 16th, representatives of thirteen denominations assembled in historic St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hillsboro, N. C., for the annual business session of the North Carolina Council of Churches. Presiding over the meeting was the retiring president of the Council, Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. E. L. Hillman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Rocky Mount.

The treasurer's report, prepared by Mr. E. B. Weatherspoon, Duke University, Durham, and the auditor's report, by Mr. G. C. Henriksen, also of Duke University, were read and received with appreciation. The message of the Executive Secretary was distributed in printed form to those present.

After a discussion pertaining to the finances of the Council, reports on the work of the following committees were heard:

Week-day Religious Education—Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., Chairman.

Rural Life and Work—Dr. J. M. Ormond, Chairman.

Radio Ministry—Dr. Paul Leslie Garber, Chairman.

Convocation—Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Chairman.

Prisoner Rehabilitation—Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Chairman.

Student Workers' Conference—Miss Margaret Fletcher, Chairman.

Social Action—Dr. Edgar Henderson, Chairman.

The Executive Secretary reported on the work of the Council in the field of Race Relations, Visual Education and the Music Service Department.

The Council made provision for the continuation of the work of all committees with the exception of the one on Prisoner Rehabilitation. The Council has been assured that state agencies have been created to help rehabilitate the thousands leaving our prisons yearly and that the National Defense Program is absorbing practically all men desiring such work.

The Council's representatives heard with interest a report by Dr. Raymond Binford, President Emeritus of Guilford College, on the Conscientious Objector

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● HOW IS IT DONE?

The Council's treasurer, Mr. E. B. Weatherspoon, reported that for the year ending August 31, 1941, our receipts were \$5,550.74 and disbursements \$5,545.89. The question has again been asked, "How can such an organization operate on such a modest budget?" Our answer is, "Just as any banking clearing house can often operate on a budget smaller than many individual banks using its service, so can a Council of Churches working on the same principal operate on a budget smaller than that of the average city church. The Council does not set out to inaugurate a program independent of and in competition with the organized religious forces but rather it seeks to co-ordinate the efforts of all the religious bodies by enlisting the leadership of all communions in joint service on activities common to all."

● THAT STILL SMALL VOICE

In these times of turmoil what a glorious thing to know Him Who is our unchanging Heavenly Father, and remember that the Lord of hosts is with us, and that the God of Jacob is our refuge. What a glorious thing to **know Him**—not merely know of or about Him—but actually feel and know the reality of His presence. May we hear Him as He says, "Be still and know that I am God," and may we ever keep in minds these words: "... and a great strong wind rent the mountains and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind was an earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice."

● WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED ON THE 5th OF OCTOBER

October Fifth, 1941, will be a significant day in all congregations around the world. On that day humble hearts of many races and in all lands, will gather in penitence and faith about the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ. This they will do in remembrance of Him.

It is most appropriate when hate is on the march and war is rampant in our world, that Christians everywhere should maintain an unbroken fellowship. This unbroken fellowship in Christ will stand out in contrast to our broken and disorganized world. It will bear witness to a fellowship which can cross frontiers of race, break through barriers of human prejudice and rise above the clash and conflict of warring nations.

This observance does not contemplate union Communion Services, but rather that each local congregation shall seek to have all of its members present at its own Communion Service. It is expected that every Christian will take his place in his own church on World Communion Sunday, committing himself anew to the world task and its one Master in the neediest time of any generation.

Let no one fail to share in the World-wide Communion Fellowship on the first Sunday in October. All who gather about our Lord's Table will do so in remembrance of Him. All are to be guests of our one Lord, Head over all things to His Church.

*"In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth."*

Note: A limited amount of literature which has been prepared for the observance of World-wide Communion Sunday may be had for the asking from the Council office.

● CHRISTIAN UNITY

Christian unity is an imperative in a world which is slipping from its moral moorings; which is troubled and torn by international strife and slaughter.

A united front, on the part of organized forces for righteousness, has become absolutely necessary to any adequate accomplishment of individual and collective life enrichment. Co-operative Christianity can save mankind from the chaotic conditions which blight and threaten the very stability of modern civilization. Disillusioned and disheartened by shattered war period ideals, confused and bewildered in both mind and morals, humanity's supreme need is a functioning faith, vitalized by an experimental knowledge of spiritual realities and undergirded by a consciousness of Christian unity.

—The Upper Room.

"The hour is desperately dark; your flame is needed."—E. Stanley Jones.

● PHILLIPS BROOKS CLUB GROWS. ENTERS 11th YEAR

In the fall of 1930 a group of Durham, N. C., ministers met informally for fellowship and to discuss great books. Dr. Frank S. Hickman, of the Divinity School of Duke University, was the leader of the group. So helpful were these meetings that the following year representative men in their respective denominations were asked to find out if their fellow ministers were interested in such a meeting. The canvass revealed a surprising interest and it was decided that a monthly meeting would be held. The name "Phillips Brooks Club" was suggested by Dr. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest College, who has from the beginning been one of the most faithful and interested members of the Club.

The Phillips Brooks Club meets each first Monday in the month from October through May. The Club gathers for a fellowship luncheon at the West Campus, Duke University. At two o'clock the first discussion hour is held in York Chapel. Dr. Frank S. Hickman has rendered noble service each year in his leadership at these discussions. Dr. Hickman follows a definite study throughout the year. At three o'clock the Club hears a guest speaker. Sometimes he is a layman; often he is a minister. Outstanding ministers, educators, and social workers have addressed the Club from time to time.

The Phillips Brooks Club is an inter-denominational group. Ministers of all churches have participated freely in its activities and interests. The next meeting of the Club will be on Monday, October 6th.

● THE POWER OF PURPOSE

The longer I live, the more I am certain that the great difference between men—between feeble and powerful, great and insignificant—is energy, invincible determination—a purpose once fixed and then—death or victory. These words apply to all of us.—Selected.

EACH SUNDAY

"THE CHURCHES MAKE NEWS"

Council-sponsored radio review of
Carolina and World church news.



WPTF, Raleigh



Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., Commentator



3:00-3:15 P. M.



Your Comments
Invited

● INTEREST IN BIBLE TEACHING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS INCREASES*

A veritable wave of enthusiasm for the teaching of the Bible in the public schools is sweeping the state of North Carolina. Thoughtful leaders, both rural and urban, are beginning to realize the dangers of an education largely secular in its emphasis. They are convinced that training the mind without adequate cultivation of the soul tends to breed a materialistic philosophy of life which stifles the liberty of the spirit.

The Committee on Week-day Religious Education has been unable to meet the demands of this amazing movement. But it has made an heroic effort to anticipate events and to provide a measure of guidance for communities seeking to increase the spiritual content of the public school curriculum.

1. Correspondence: Literally hundreds of letters have come to the Committee from places as remote as Massachusetts and Alabama, New York and California, from religious leaders, public school leaders and interested laymen. Most of them were inquiries about the following:

- (a) How to proceed in establishing a program of Week-day Religious Education.
- (b) Where to secure curricular materials for the conduct of the courses offered.
- (c) Placement—Teachers writing to ask about jobs and local committees seeking competent instructors.

2. Talks and Addresses: Members of the Committee, particularly the chairman and Mrs. Sprunt, with the help of Mr. Arnold, Secretary of the Council, have appeared before dozens of groups to advocate support of Week-day Religious Education. . . . Communities far and wide throughout the state have solicited the aid of Committee members in explaining the principles and administration of the program. Addresses were made by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Council at the meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in April.

3. Statewide Survey: One of the earliest and most fruitful activities of the Committee was an investigation to discover what communities in North Carolina were already providing Week-day Religious Instruction, how they were doing it, and what communities were interested in promulgating such a program. . . . The returns gave a fair estimate of what was being done to teach the Bible in the public schools of the state, and what were the major problems faced

by those who wished to undertake such a venture.

4. Printed Material: Pamphlet — "Teaching the Bible in the Public Schools of North Carolina"—P. H. Gwynn, Jr., Chairman of the Committee.

The demand for this pamphlet has been surprisingly insistent. 2,000 copies came from the press the latter part of June. The supply is already exhausted. Quoting from a letter written by the Secretary of the Council: "The mails every day bring requests for copies of your bulletin. One of the latest was from a county superintendent wanting 500 copies. Many other requests have come for a dozen up to 200 copies."

5. Co-operation with the State Department of Public Instruction: The State Department has made provision that credit may be secured for successful work in Bible courses, and may be used toward credit for college entrance. The teacher of such courses must meet the following requirements:

- (a) Fifteen hours of Bible in an accredited institution of higher learning.
- (b) The usual professional courses required of all teachers.

6. Organization and Encouragement of Bible Teachers: The Committee has fostered communication between teachers of the Bible in the state and encouraged their organization for professional improvement.

- (a) Bible teachers in the Southeastern District of the North Carolina Education Association organized last fall and had three meetings during the year. Mrs. Sprunt attended their conferences and gave them helpful guidance.
- (b) A state organization of Bible teachers in the public schools was consummated at the meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Asheville last spring. A petition was presented to the North Carolina Education Association for permission to affiliate with it as a recognized department of instruction.
- (c) The Bible teachers will have a part in the program of the South Piedmont District of the North Carolina Education Association, which meets in Charlotte, September 26, 1941.

These meetings reveal a significant tie-in of the Week-day Religious Education with the public school work of the state.

7. Development of Curricular Materials: This has been the least productive phase of the Committee's work. But every desired objective can not be reached within twelve months. Significant beginnings have been made, however:

- (a) The members of the Southeastern group referred to above are engaged in collecting materials and helps which will be useful to teachers engaged in this service.
- (b) Mrs. Walter Sprunt has assembled an excellent library of literature and sources on Week-day Religious Education, which she

has put at the disposal of both instructors and community leaders contemplating a campaign for this cause.

- (c) The recently formed state association of teachers of Bible has under way an extensive research in the field of curriculum, which should materially augment our resources for effective teaching.
- (d) Miss Frances Query, who will teach the Bible in the Durham City Schools this year, has put at the disposal of the Committee a copy of her thesis entitled: "*A Study of the Curriculum of Religious Education Courses in Public High Schools of the United States.*" It is full of suggestive material for our purposes.

8. Places in North Carolina now Offering Week-day Religious Instruction: It would hardly be safe to claim that the following is a complete list of communities making some provision for Week-day Religious Education. The movement is spreading so rapidly that it is almost impossible to keep an accurate account of recent developments. Perhaps it is best to say that the following are among the public schools in the state where the Bible is being taught:

Asheville	Marshville
Ashmont	Maxton
Barium Springs	Monroe
Burlington	Mooresville
Charlotte	Mt. Airy
Cherryville	New Bern, R. F. D.
Clinton	Raeford
Dudley	Red Springs
Durham	Reidsville
Elizabeth City	Rocky Mount
Fayetteville	Salisbury
Hemp	Sardis
Kannapolis	Statesville
Kenly, R. F. D.	Swannanoa
Kings Mountain	Tarboro, R. F. D.
Kinston	Thomasville
Laurinburg	Troy
Lexington	Wilmington
Lenoir	Winston-Salem
Zebulon, R. F. D.	

9. Plans for the Future:

- (a) Your Committee will continue its efforts to inform the people of the state regarding the values of Week-day Religious Education.
- (b) Your Committee in all of its work will strive to safeguard the precious heritage of religious freedom bequeathed us by our fathers. Clear thinking is required in handling this matter. . . .
- (c) Your Committee plans to study intensively the problems involved in providing a program of Week-day Religious Education for the small town and rural community. The needs of this group are not being adequately met today.
- (d) Your Committee hopes to stimulate and direct further research in the area of curriculum study, so as to enrich the experience of students now receiving Week-day Religious Instruction.

P. H. Gwynn, Jr., *Chairman*,
Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt,
E. H. Garringer,
Clyde A. Erwin,
Carl H. King.

*From Report of Committee on Week-day Religious Education, as presented by Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Jr., Chairman, before the annual meeting, September 16th. So impressed were those who heard this report that it was recommended that it be as widely distributed as possible. We regret that lack of space prohibits our giving the report in full.

● AFFIRMATION OF UNITY*

We are one in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God. We are one in allegiance to Him as Head of the Church, and as King of kings and Lord of lords. We are one in acknowledging that this allegiance takes precedence of any other allegiance that may make claims upon us.

This unity does not consist in the agreement of our minds or the consent of our wills. It is founded in Jesus Christ Himself, Who lived, died and rose again to bring us to the Father, and Who through the Holy Spirit dwells in His Church. We are one because we are the objects of the love and grace of God, and called by Him to witness in all the world to His glorious gospel.

Our unity is of heart and spirit. We are divided in the outward forms of our life in Christ, because we understand differently His will for His Church. We believe however that a deeper understanding will lead us towards a united apprehension of the truth as it is in Jesus.

We desire also to declare to all men everywhere our assurance that Christ is the one hope of unity for the world in face of the distractions and dissensions of this present time. We know that our witness is weakened by our divisions. Yet we are one in Christ and in the fellowship of His Spirit. We pray that everywhere, in a world divided and perplexed, men may turn to Jesus Christ our Lord, Who makes us one in spite of our divisions; that He may bind in one those who by many worldly claims are set at variance; and that the world may at last find peace and unity in Him; to Whom be glory for ever.

*Extracts taken from "Affirmation of Unity" adopted by the Second World Conference on Faith and Order held in Edinburgh in August, 1937. The Conference brought together four hundred and fourteen delegates from one hundred and two Christian communities in forty-three different countries. The state of the world since 1937 makes it all the more important for Christians to reaffirm their unity in the faith today.

ANNUAL MEETING

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Camp now located at Buck Creek Civilian Public Service Camp, nine miles out of Marion.

Before adjournment, the Council went on record as expressing its appreciation for the contribution that Duke University has made to the Council through its late president, Dr. W. P. Few, and the Divinity School Dean Emeritus, Dr. Elbert Russell, and for its continued interest and support through its present leaders. The Council office is now located on East Campus of Duke University.

● PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR 1941-42

During the coming year the Council of Churches will be engaged in the following general and specific fields of work:

1. **Week-day Religious Education.**—The Committee will continue to give guidance to the numerous groups over the state interested in having elective Bible courses offered in the public schools. For complete report and plans, see page 3.

2. **Rural Life and Work.**—A second series of Regional Rural Institutes dealing with the place of the Christian Church in the rural community, with particular reference to its relationship to other community agencies, will be scheduled. Sunday School Associations will be strengthened. Observances of "Rural Life Sunday" and "4-H Club Sunday" will be encouraged. Surveys and studies will be made of this most important work.

3. **Radio Ministry.**—"The Churches Make News," the Council's weekly presentation of the news of the church at home and abroad, heard each Sunday over WPTF, Raleigh, will be continued and similar programs will be heard over other stations. Experimental work will be continued along the line of programs designed especially for children of the listening audience. A number of new types of religious radio broadcasts will be studied. It is hoped that a code of practices which will help elevate the quality of religious broadcasting, will be adopted by the radio stations and the Ministerial Associations throughout North Carolina.

4. **Convocation.**—The sixth annual Convocation of Churches has been scheduled to be held in Burlington, April 7, 8, 9, 1942.

5. **Race Relations.**—A comprehensive program to be prepared jointly by the North Carolina Council of Churches and the North Carolina Inter-racial Commission, will be promoted. "Race Relations Sunday" and "Brotherhood Week" will be observed again.

6. **Student Conferences.**—In view of the fact that the first state-wide Student Conference proved so successful, a second one is being scheduled for the winter of this year.

7. **Student Workers' Conference.**—The third annual Student Workers' Conference, the only one of its kind within the state, will again be sponsored by the Council.

8. **Social Action.**—The work of this Committee will be confined mainly to that of gathering and dispensing information regarding certain interests and practices within the state that should have the attention of all Christian people. The Committee will also look forward to its work in the legislative field for 1943.

9. **Music Service Department.**—Aside from a number of church music conferences to be held throughout the state, this department will seek to create a library of church music.

10. **Visual Education.**—The Council has proposed plans for establishment of a complete Visual Service Department that will be at the service of all churches desiring to use such.

11. **Church News Bureau.**—It is the belief of the Council that by furnishing weekly releases of the news of the churches to the newspapers of the state, both daily and weekly, it can be of inestimable service to both the newspapers and the reading public. The creation of such a news bureau has been authorized.

12. **United Christian Education Advancement.**—In co-operation with the International Council of Religious Education and the various denominational bodies, the State Council will, in April, 1942, conduct four Christian Education Advancement Conferences within the state. These are designed to make us conscious of the need for reaching the great masses of people not now identified with any church.

13. **Special Observances.**—Notable among the many observances throughout the year are three which have full endorsement of the Council which will promote the observance of them through correspondence, denominational publications, the daily press, radio and other mediums.

World-wide Communion Sunday . . . Oct. 5, 1941
Race Relations Sunday Feb. 8, 1942
Christian Unity Sunday May 4, 1942

14. **Information Center.**—The Council of Churches will continue its valuable service as a clearing house, gathering and dispensing information of practically every nature.

● CO-OPERATIVE PROTESTANTISM CHALLENGES ALL

The Council's financial support is derived from constituent denominations, individual churches and interested persons. While our budget for 1941-42 is only \$6,522.65, we must realize that the stability and expansion of this work is dependent upon the regular support of interested persons and groups. Eleven denominations make financial contributions, as do many individual churches. We are now in need of a large number of new individual contributors. Are you willing to share in the above program? Contributions should be sent through your church's representatives or directly to the North Carolina Council of Churches, College Station, Durham, N. C.

"That which we save of our possessions is what we give to God, and that which abides of our lives is what we use in His service."—I. L. Morgan.

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United Christian Education Advance Is Planned

Dr. Jas. H. Lightbourne Assumes Chairmanship of Board of Finance

ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL BOARD

Dr. J. H. Lightbourne, pastor of First Congregational-Christian Church, Burlington, and second vice-president of the North Carolina Council of Churches, has recently been appointed chairman of the Board of Finance of this organization. Dr. Lightbourne has already distinguished himself for his executive ability along financial lines. The following are members of the Executive Financial Board, having been duly appointed by Bishop Edwin A. Penick, president of the Council:

Rev. Elwood Carroll, Leaksville
Mrs. J. O. Cobb, Durham
Dr. J. C. Glenn, Raleigh
Mr. H. S. Haworth, High Point
Mr. J. F. Harrelson, Salisbury
Mr. George Long, Burlington
Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Durham

The plans of this Board are herewith outlined by Dr. Lightbourne:

Our Financial Program

"Our Council has secured for itself a position of influence in the religious life of the state and of recognition in the religious thinking of the nation. For this we are happy. But it is the conviction of those closely associated with the activities of the Council that its field of service should be expanded and the Executive Secretary released for continuous field work.

"The Council has not yet made an effective impact on the whole state. Its activities necessarily have been confined to a central area. Consequently the Council's financial support has come chiefly from this served area. Now it is hoped this year to initiate a larger service. A first consideration must be an increased budget and that budget raised at a minimum of time from our Executive Secretary.

"To do this it is planned to secure a larger support from the area from which support has been generously and consistently received. And indications are this will be achieved. The men and women requested to promote this work in



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Jesus prayed that the world might be one. But let us remember that world unity cannot come until it first comes in the hearts and minds of Christian people and in the place where we most often pray for it—in the churches.

the counties and cities of this area are already at work and with optimism.

"It is also hoped a larger support will be received from the denominations through their several official organizations. And it now seems the response to this appeal will be favorable. Some increases already have been assured.

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FOUR YEAR PROGRAM NOW BEING MAPPED

Plans are now being mapped whereby North Carolina Christians, through the medium of the North Carolina Council of Churches, will join millions of fellow Christians throughout North America in a United Advance in Christian Education during the quadrennium, 1942-1945. The purpose of such an Advance, which is being planned by representatives of 90% of North American Protestantism, through the International Council of Religious Education, is "to reach every person with Christian teaching in the home, in the church and in the community."

In April, 1942, 125 one-day conventions across the country will call local church and community workers together to plan their own part in the Advance, to secure equipment and suggestions, and to share with the general workers in laying further plans. These one-day conventions will be manned by national teams consisting of the denominational executives of Christian Education, leading educators, and council workers. North Carolina will play host to three of these conventions, with the first one already scheduled to be held in Kinston. The other two will be held in the central and western areas of the state.

Emphasis on family religion will be basic. Both increased attendance and improved program will be stressed in the church. A community-wide effort in which churches co-operate in publicity, surveys, and community activities is contemplated in every community. The goal upon which all have agreed to unite is stated as follows:

The United Christian Education
Advance
is
Protestantism Uniting
to
Reach Every Person With
Christian Teaching

► Competition ends where co-operation begins.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF CHURCHES, BURLINGTON, APRIL 7, 8, 9, 1942
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• WHY THE GREAT DEMAND

So great has been the demand for copies of Bulletin 2-A, "Teaching the Bible in the Public Schools of North Carolina," that the supply of the second printing is now almost exhausted. As we examine our correspondence, we discover that requests for this bulletin have been received from almost every point in the state and from a large number of interested persons outside of North Carolina. The June printing of Bulletin 2-A listed twenty-five North Carolina communities as providing some form of week-day religious instruction. The second printing (September) of same bulletin listed thirty-nine communities and it has since been discovered that this listing is very incomplete. An unusually large number of communities are providing elective Bible courses in the public schools for the first time this year.

• SO SMALL, YET SUFFICIENT

How many of your church members could afford to invest 2c per year in a movement seeking for world brotherhood?

This amount, although not enough to carry a letter outside your city, if invested in the North Carolina Council of Churches along with similar amounts from other interested Christians, would be sufficient to carry on the full co-operative religious program within our state.

A new year's program of the Council has been mapped by your denominational leaders. It is now that we need your church's pledge or contribution, if this program is to be carried to completion.

The North Carolina Council of Churches provides an opportunity for all to share in the movement for world-wide brotherhood.

DR. LIGHTBOURNE ASSUMES CHAIRMANSHIP

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"It is also planned to promote new sources of support with the hope that soon support will be received from every section of the state. To this end interested persons are being asked to represent the Council in those counties and cities from which up to this time little or no financial assistance has been given. This organization is now in process of formation. It is hoped that from it both interest in and financial support for the Council will be secured.

"The official membership of the Council has pledged a financial support for the year 1941-42 far surpassing that of any other year. We ask from the friends of the Council over the state the same character of co-operation."

J. H. Lightbourne.

• YOURS FOR THE ASKING

The following materials are available without charge. This is a service of your Council of Churches. Requests should be made directly to the North Carolina Council of Churches, College Station, Durham, N. C.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD, an address by The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D., delivered at the 1941 annual Fellowship Luncheon of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE, a 64-page pamphlet published by the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

ENLISTING AND DEVELOPING CHURCH WORKERS, Educational Bulletin No. 507 of the International Council of Religious Education, a Guide for Building a Local Church Program of Leadership Education.

EXPERIENCES IN CO-OPERATION, a 75-page pamphlet containing descriptions of experiences in which churches have shared in their ministry to the corporate religious needs of their community. Prepared for seven national organizations; edited by Dr. J. Quinter Miller.

BUILD TODAY FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD, a 48-page pamphlet outlining the findings of the Christian Youth Council of North America, which met in Estes Park, Colorado, during June, 1941.

THE LIQUOR SITUATION IN THE UNITED STATES, an issue of *Information Service* devoted to a portrayal of the liquor situation throughout the nation. Much of the material was prepared by the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church.

THE WORLD COUNCIL COURIER, a news sheet that is issued quarterly by the Committee on Education and Promotion of the American office of the World Council of Churches (in process of formation). The first issue (June) met with such hearty response that a second edition had to be printed. Ask to be placed on the mailing list to receive subsequent issues.

BEAUTIFYING CHURCH GROUNDS, a 2,500 word circular on church property beautification, prepared by the Bureau of Architecture of the Home Missions Council. It tells how to organize the program, how to plan, how to select materials, how to plant and care for the shrubbery, trees, etc.

► It is not organic union of churches that we seek but rather genuine unity and a spirit of co-operation among all those of the Christian faith and tolerance for those of different beliefs.

● CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Three national organizations of the churches have called the attention of the editor to Christmas card projects which are intended both to provide appropriate designs for those who desire a Christian emphasis in their greetings and at the same time to supply additional funds for worthy causes. The announcements are herewith summarized:

1. The American Bible Society, Park Avenue and 57th Street, New York—Each \$1.00 box contains 15 cards made up of 12 designs selected for their beauty and suitability: old masters reproduced, illustrations from ancient Bibles and the original King James and Gutenberg Bibles, each with a Scriptural quotation. Proceeds will aid in providing the Bible to those who do not have it.

2. The Church Committee for China Relief, 105 East 22nd Street, New York—One dozen assorted cards with envelopes—3 each of 4 different cards—for \$1.00. Color reproductions of paintings by famous Chinese artists depicting The Nativity, The Holy Family, The Holy Refugees, and The Madonna and Child. Proceeds for relief of China's suffering.

3. The Home Missions Council of North America, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York—Cards sell for 10 cents each, \$1.00 a dozen; two designs, 6 of each kind in a dozen order. Sold for the benefit of work among the migrants.

● "ONE FOOT IN HEAVEN"

While it is not the general policy of this paper to endorse motion pictures, your editor has been deeply impressed by the plaudits of "One Foot in Heaven" received from distinguished clergymen throughout the country. We shall be glad to have your evaluation of this picture. If you feel that it does credit to the Christian Church and its ministry, we hope you will commend it to your friends. Your endorsement and support will be an inducement to Hollywood to produce more pictures of this type.

▶ "One of the biggest mistakes we are making in the field of education is to assume that only 'teachers' teach. Indeed, if we define a teacher as one who guides children into ways of enrich living, then the only difference between parents and school teachers is in the kind of teaching they do. The school is especially equipped to do certain specialized kinds of teaching, to give continuity and systematization to learning experience that the average home cannot give, and to build group morale and assign responsibilities. But the home is more often where the heart is—and emotions are a very important part of the educative process."—Edgar Dale, National Parent-Teacher.

● "OUR SHELTER PRAYER"

Habitues of air-raid shelters in Hull, Birmingham and Westminster are making a wide use of a prayer which they call "Our Shelter Prayer." It reads:

"Increase, O God, the spirit of neighbourliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in calamity serve one another, in suffering tend one another, and in homelessness, loneliness or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, till the disciplines and testing of these days be ended, and Thon dost give again peace in our time. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

EACH SUNDAY

"THE CHURCHES MAKE NEWS"

Council-sponsored radio review of Carolina and World church news.



WPTF, Raleigh



Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., Commentator



3:00-3:15 P. M.



Your Comments
Invited

● WORLD COUNCIL CONTINUES TO GROW

Latest additions to the list of churches which have accepted the invitation to join the World Council are the Churches of Christ in Australia (Federal Conference of Disciples), the United Brethren, the Church of the Brethren and the National Baptist Convention. This brings the total to seventy-five denominations now enrolled.

▶ "The time will come when thou shalt lift thine eyes
To watch a long-drawn battle in the skies.
While aged peasants, too amazed for words,
Stare at the flying fleets of wondrous birds.
England, so long the Mistress of the Sea,
Where winds and waves confess her sovereignty,
Her ancient triumphs yet on high shall bear,
And reign, the sovereign of the conquered air."

This was written more than two hundred years ago by Thomas Gray. English poet, in 1937.

● FRIENDS OF THE SOIL

Anyone who looks with realism upon the American rural church scene recognizes that some power of far-reaching effectiveness needs to be introduced to revitalize town and country churches. From time to time we hope to report on the new activities in this field.

Rev. Howard Kester of the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen reports the recent organization of "Friends of the Soil," "a distinctly religious movement" whose purpose is "To lead men to regard the earth as holy and man as the steward of the Eternal; to assist the rural church to minister to the total life of the rural community; to work for the reclamation of the soil and other natural resources; to seek by word and action to restore man to his divine earthright to the end that justice may be established on the land and a richer, fuller, and more abundant life may be the lot of all."

● DO YOU RECEIVE?

THE HEALTH BULLETIN, published monthly by the North Carolina State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C., and sent free to any citizen of the state upon request. It contains valuable information for both minister and layman.

FARM POPULATION AND RURAL LIFE ACTIVITIES, a quarterly bulletin issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The October, 1941, issue carries reports of special studies relating to rural youth, community studies, migrants, farm tenancy and other reports that should interest both laymen and ministers, rural and urban.

● BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

The week of June 15-21, 1942, has been set as the time for the Fourth Annual Interdenominational Conference dealing with the Task of the Church in Community Building. Again the Conference will be held at Blue Ridge, N. C., and such outstanding leaders as the following will participate:

Dr. Robert L. Calhoun, Yale Divinity School.
Dr. John C. Bennett, Pacific School of Theology.
Dr. Paul Douglas, Federal Council of Churches.
Dr. William J. Hinchins, Danforth Foundation of Religious Development of Youth.

While this conference does not come under the sponsorship of the N. C. Council of Churches, we would commend it to you and shall be glad to furnish you with additional information.

What Is The North Carolina Council of Churches?

What Is the Purpose of the Council?

The Council's three-fold purpose is:

(1) To promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ constituting the several communions of North Carolina, (2) to serve as a medium of inter-church advice and counsel on matters affecting the progress of Christianity in the state, and (3) to associate the communions in such joint service as may achieve more effectively the objectives of the Christian religion.

When and By Whom Was It Organized?

On January 22, 1935, one hundred and eleven clergymen and interested laymen representing thirteen denominations from all parts of the state met in Greensboro to consider the matter of reorganizing the State Sunday School Association and making it into a Council of Churches, thereby enlarging its scope of activities. Certain plans were made at this and subsequent meetings and the Council of Churches was officially organized on May 21, 1935.

Who Plans the Program of the Council?

The Council meets in annual session each September, at which time the program and policies for the ensuing year are mapped by the denominational representatives themselves.

How Are the Council

Representatives Chosen?

"The membership of the Council shall be composed by direct action of each communion, either by election, appointment, or nomination, as each body may determine."—Constitution.

Why Do Some Denominations Have More Representatives Than Others?

"Each co-operating communion shall be permitted three representatives on the Council for the first ten thousand communicant members, and two for each additional twenty thousand or major fraction thereof up to fifty thousand, and beyond that there shall be one for each fifty thousand, or major fraction thereof . . ."—Constitution.

Does the Council Have Mandatory Powers Over Denominations?

The constitution clearly states that "the Council shall exist as a voluntary association, and shall be without mandatory power in relation to the bodies choosing to make use of it as a channel of counsel and of joint Christian expression" and that "the complete autonomy and corporate integrity of each communion shall be mutually respected and safeguarded in all relations involving inter-denominational fellowship and action."

The Council is constantly gaining new friends who want to know more about the policy and program of this organization. It is for the benefit of these that we give here certain statements that have appeared in previous Church Council Bulletins.

Where Are the Council Headquarters?

The office of the Council of Churches is located in the West Duke Building, on the East Campus of Duke University, Durham.

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During the coming year the Council of Churches will be engaged in the following general and specific fields of work:

1. **Week-day Religious Education.**—The Committee will continue to give guidance to the numerous groups over the state interested in having elective Bible courses offered in the public schools.

2. **Rural Life and Work.**—A second series of Regional Rural Institutes dealing with the place of the Christian Church in the rural community, with particular reference to its relationship to other community agencies, will be scheduled. Sunday School Associations will be strengthened. Observances of "Rural Life Sunday" and "4-H Club Sunday" will be encouraged. Surveys and studies will be made of this most important work.

3. **Radio Ministry.**—"The Churches Make News," the Council's weekly presentation of the news of the church at home and abroad, heard each Sunday over WPTF, Raleigh, is in its second year and similar programs will be heard over other stations. Experimental work will be continued along the line of programs designed especially for children of the listening audience. A number of new types of religious radio broadcasts will be studied. It is hoped that a code of practices which will help elevate the quality of religious broadcasting, will be adopted by the radio stations and the Ministerial Associations throughout North Carolina.

4. **Convocation.**—The sixth annual Convocation of Churches has been scheduled to be held in Burlington, April 7, 8, 9, 1942.

5. **Race Relations.**—A comprehensive program, prepared jointly by the North Carolina Council of Churches and the North Carolina Inter-racial Commission, is being promoted. "Race Relations Sun-

day" and "Brotherhood Week" will be observed again.

6. **Student Conferences.**—In view of the fact that the first state-wide Student Conference proved so successful, a second has been scheduled for December 4, 5, 6, 1941.

7. **Student Workers' Conference.**—The third annual Student Workers' Conference, the only one of its kind within the state, will again be sponsored by the Council. (Durham, November 21).

8. **Social Action.**—The work of this Committee will be confined mainly to that of gathering and dispensing information regarding certain interests and practices within the state that should have the attention of all Christian people. The Committee will also look forward to its work in the legislative field for 1943.

9. **Music Service Department.**—Aside from a number of church music conferences to be held throughout the state, this department will seek to create a library of church music.

10. **Visual Education.**—The Council has proposed plans for establishment of a complete Visual Service Department that will be at the service of all churches desiring to use such.

11. **Church News Bureau.**—It is the belief of the Council that by furnishing weekly releases of the news of the churches to the newspapers of the state, both daily and weekly, it can be of inestimable service to both the newspapers and the reading public. The creation of such a news bureau has been authorized.

12. **United Christian Education Advance.**—In co-operation with the International Council of Religious Education and the various denominational bodies, the State Council will, in April, 1942, conduct three Christian Education Advance Conferences within the state. These are designed to make us conscious of the need for reaching the great masses of people not now identified with any church.

13. **Special Observances.**—Notable among the many observances throughout the year are three which have full endorsement of the Council which will promote the observance of them through correspondence, denominational publications, the daily press, radio, and other mediums.

Universal Bible Sunday	Dec. 7, 1941
Race Relations Sunday	Feb. 8, 1942
Christian Unity Sunday	May 4, 1942

14. **Information Center.**—The Council of Churches will continue its valuable service as a clearing house, gathering and dispensing information of practically every nature.

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International Convention to Assemble Religious Leaders

STRONG LAYMENS PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Church men and women are being summoned from near and far to participate in the twenty-first Quadrennial Convention and Lay Conference of the International Council of Religious Education, February 9-11, 1942, in Chicago. This Convention, which has a unique program of interest to the laymen, has been set up to outline very clearly what the religious educational forces of American Protestantism intend to do in the face of world chaos. The Convention will officially launch the United Advance in Christian Education to "reach every person with Christian teaching," through home, church and community.

We could not begin, in the short space allotted in this bulletin, to give you the complete program but we should like to call your attention to a few of the leaders and subjects to be discussed. Picked at random, they are as follows:

"Christian Teaching in a World Crisis"—Gov. Harold E. Strassen of Minnesota.
"The Laymen's Concern for Christian Education"—Judge Norris C. Bakke, Denver.
"Christian Education Tomorrow"—Dr. Luther A. Weigle, New Haven.
"Creating a Public Consciousness of a Need for Religion"—Dr. Richard Hoiland, Philadelphia.
"Faith in Action"—Miss Ruth I. Seabury, Boston.
"Open Doors for Weekday Religious Education"—Supt. Emerson H. Landis, Dayton.

Various commissions for both men and women will discuss such topics as:

"The Christian Home".
"Women and Defense".
"Women in Liquor Control".
"World Christian Community".
"Weekday Religious Education", and many other subjects of great interest to both lay and clergy leaders.

The Convention is designed to be of interest, especially to those of the following groups:

1. Business and professional leaders who are seeking the help which religion and religious education has to offer in the everyday problems of life.

2. Lay persons who are accepting responsibility in setting up and carrying through the 135 One Day Conventions in all parts of the country, April, 1942.

3. Lay persons who are members of denominational Boards of Christian Educa-

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OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I like the story of the intrepid Cardinal Mercier, that during the First World War, he stood amid the ruins of a Church in Belgium and preached a Christmas sermon. The text he chose was this: "They that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." It was a brave utterance of Christian hope.

Isn't this the gospel that the Church should proclaim today? It is not an easy message to deliver now. We enter a New Year that is shadowy with forebodings and deep anxiety. Upon the earth is "distress of nations with perplexity," such as we have never known. Frankly, we dread to meet the on-coming year as we think of the pain and grief it may unfold.

But even while we tremble, we are ashamed of our fears. For we know that fear is an evidence of faithlessness. "Why are ye fearful?" asked Christ, "O ye of little faith!" They who trust in God are calm and steadfast. Somehow, those who hold fast to a God of righteousness are undaunted and serene when other hearts are failing them for "looking after the things that are coming on the earth." They interpret life, even the crises and disasters of life, in the spirit of Him who was born in a manger of hardship and became a "man of sorrows." Somehow it remained for Him who was most "acquainted with grief" to overcome the world.

This is our confidence: that God is, that God cares, that Christ lives, that evil is self-destroying, that righteousness is invincible, that justice is sovereign and that truth, like the heavens, may be shaken, but cannot fail. This is the witness of history. This is the experience of people and nations. The temporary ascendancy of evil here and there does not invalidate it. Hope is a constant star that does not set. May the New Year bring you this Christian consolation.

EDWIN A. PENICK.

Council Inaugurates New Press Service

CORRESPONDENTS ARE DESIRED

The North Carolina Council of Churches has entered into a new field of service which we feel will be of great benefit to the reading public of our state. For some time now, we have been looking forward to the creation of a Religious News Bureau, for the purpose of furnishing to the newspapers of the state a weekly summary of the pertinent news of the church, its work and influence throughout North Carolina. The creation of this bureau was suggested by a newspaper editor, who has since been joined by many other editors desiring such a column in their respective papers.

The editor of the weekly column will be the Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, pastor of the United Church, Raleigh. Mr. Robinson has, for more than a year now, been the editor and commentator for our weekly radio program, "The Churches Make News," heard each Sunday at 3:00 P. M., over Radio Station WPTF, Raleigh. He is well qualified for this new task and is happy to share his time and effort in this broader field of service.

It is our desire that this weekly summary of the news be as comprehensive as possible and we are, therefore, in need of many correspondents throughout the state, who will agree to be responsible for sending in the news from their respective communities. The following persons have already agreed to assist us in this matter:

Dr. J. Clyde Auman, Maiden.
Rev. Ralph C. Bassett, Clemmons
Rev. J. Elwood Carroll, Leaksville
Rev. A. Wilson Cheek, Conover
Dr. W. R. Cullom, Wake Forest
Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Asheboro
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Dr. J. H. Lightbourne, Burlington
Rev. R. E. McClure, New Bern
Rev. J. Winston Pearce, Durham
Dr. George H. Rhodes, Albemarle
Rev. Lawrence Stell, Roanoke Rapids
Mrs. H. A. White, High Point

If your community does not have a correspondent and you would be willing to accept this responsibility, we should like to hear from you. Any others who do not wish to become regular correspondents but have news to contribute from time to time, should send it directly to Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., United Church, Raleigh, N. C.

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● ANNOUNCING

Calendar of Events

Feb. 6—Banquet honoring Bishop Penick Raleigh.
Feb. 8—Race Relations Sunday Observance—State and Nation.
Feb. 15-22—Annual Brotherhood Week Observance—State and Nation.
April 7, 8, 9—Sixth Annual Convocation of Churches—Burlington.
April 24—United Christian Advance Conference—Kinston.
April 25-26—United Christian Education Advance Conference—Reidsville.
April 26—United Christian Education Advance Conference—Salisbury.

● BROTHERHOOD WEEK

The National Conference of Christians and Jews announces the Annual observance of Brotherhood Week, February 15-22, 1942. A suggestive and helpful four-page leaflet, outlining a program for the week, is available and ready for distribution.

● RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY (Materials Now Available)

Throughout our state and nation, February 8, 1942 will be observed as Race Relations Sunday. Suggestions for the twentieth annual observance of this day may be had by writing to the Council Office. Packets are available which include a suggested service of worship, programs for children, young people and women's groups and data for speakers. A limited supply of these packets are available. Requests for same should be made immediately.

● NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Since the last issue of our Council Bulletin, the following have become official representatives to the Council:

Rev. J. Alger Lollis, Winston-Salem; Rev. A. Wilson Cheek, Conover; Dr. Elbert Russell, Durham; Dr. J. C. Glenn, Raleigh; Rev. R. A. Bridges, Erwin; Rev. F. Craighill Brown, Southern Pines.

We welcome these to our larger fellowship and look forward to the opportunity of knowing them better.

● SOMETIMES WE HELP

Not always are we able to answer your questions about this and that, but in every case we make some attempt to be of assistance. In the case of the following request from Rev. J. Clay Madison, Waynesville, N. C., we believe that some of our readers can render valuable assistance. Mr. Madison writes, "The churches in this county are planning a United Evangelistic and Church Loyalty Campaign for the months of March and April. Do you have some suggestion and material that might help us?"

● YOURS FOR THE ASKING

AMERICA'S PRAYER MINUTE—a small, beautifully printed, booklet containing twenty prayers. Written especially for the daily observance of "America's Prayer Minute."

THE CHURCH AT WORK IN CAMP COMMUNITIES—a twenty-four page booklet, prepared by the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities. Deals with such subjects as: "What churches near camps can do," "How churches organize for the task," and "Principles for successful programs."

THE CHURCH AND CREDIT UNIONS, a reprint from "Information Service" published by the Department of Research and Education of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, December 13, 1941. Tells how credit unions have been organized among members within Protestant Churches, as well as Catholic Parishes and Jewish Congregations. RACE RELATIONS PACKETS, containing a suggested worship service, programs of practical action, suggestions for women; young people and children, and data sheet with helpful information and reading references. A limited supply of posters are also available.

In spite of the large number of requests for pamphlets listed in the last Church Council Bulletin, a few additional copies of the following are still available:

"A Just and Durable Peace"
"Enlisting and Developing Church Workers"
"The Liquor Situation in the United States"
"Experiences in Cooperation"
"Developing Christian Unity."

● INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

The third annual Institute of Religion of the United Church, Raleigh, brings to our state this year an unusually interesting group of leaders. Already Dr. E. McNeil Poteat of Cleveland, Ohio and Dr. James M. Hepbron of Baltimore, Md., have been heard. The schedule of future meetings and speakers are as follows:

Jan. 26—Lord Marley, distinguished British statesman and Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords.
Feb. 2—Dr. Dwight J. Bradley, Director of the Congregational-Christian Council for Social Action, and editor of its magazine "Social Action".
Feb. 9—Dr. Rufus M. Jones, Chairman of the American Friends Service Committee.
Feb. 16—Mr. Ralph Hetzel, Economic Director of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.
Program and more complete information may be had from the Council office or by writing to United Church, Raleigh, N. C.

● THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION GIVES WAY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

On November 19, 20 (North Carolina's Thanksgiving) and 21 last, a most successful county-wide interdenominational Sunday School Institute was held in the First Baptist Church of Goldsboro, Rev. A. J. Smith, pastor. Some 150 teachers, superintendents, officers and ministers were in attendance. Among the leaders of the Institute were: Rev. Olin Fox, pastor of the First Christian Church, Goldsboro, and Dean of the Institute; Rev. Cecil A. Jarman, Director of Religious Education of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention, Wilson; Rev. Robert Bradshaw, Executive Secretary, Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Durham; Mrs. Fred L. Harrell, teacher in the First Baptist Church, Goldsboro; and Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, Durham. It was voted unanimously to make this an annual experience in Wayne County and it was recommended that such institutes be held in other counties, especially where good strong organizations are found.

The Wayne County Sunday School Association is made up of eighty-eight Sunday Schools in twelve townships. Each township, with its own organization, sponsors an annual convention in which practically all of the schools take part. During August of each year, the county convention is held. Each Sunday afternoon, a religious program is given over Station WGBR, Goldsboro, and during the past year, twenty-nine schools participated in these broadcasts.

Mr. Hardy Talton, his county officers and township presidents are to be congratulated for the leadership they are giving to the interchurch movement in Wayne County.

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tion, either nationally or on a conference, synod or association basis.

4. Lay persons holding positions of leadership as officers of denominational conferences or ecclesiastical areas.

5. Lay persons holding positions of leadership in county, city and state Councils of Churches and Religious Education.

6. Lay persons not now serving in educational circles but who should be, because of their tested leadership ability in other types of church work. These persons might be potential leaders of your own denominational Advance and of the co-operative phases of the United Advance.

For program and complete information, write to the North Carolina Council of Churches, College Station, Durham, N. C.

The Council of Churches is the medium through which your church and mine may work to strengthen both and all by united action and co-operative efforts.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW



We want you to know one who, in spite of his good deeds, prefers to remain "behind the scenes" and is therefore not generally known to our Council friends, outside of the "inner circle." It is, therefore, without his knowledge that we give you a likeness of him, our treasurer and Duke University's assistant secretary, Everett B. Weatherspoon. On January 25th, Everette completes five years of faithful service to the interchurch movement here in our state. We need say no more about his work, other than that we are willing to match it with that of any other treasurer of any other Council in America.

We wish we could also introduce Everett's "better 90%" but her picture was not available. Both Nell and Everett are members of the Temple Baptist Church, where Everette is teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

To us who know Everett best he is happiest when he is writing receipts for your contributions and checks to pay our bills.

● SCHEDULE OF ADVANCE CONFERENCES

The schedule of the United Christian Education One-Day Advance Conferences to be held in North Carolina is as follows:

April 24	Kinston
April 25-26	Reidsville
April 27	Salisbury

The Council of Churches does not seek to force organization but rather to organize force.

● BIBLE CLASS ADOPTS RESOLUTION

The following resolution was adopted on December 21, 1941, by the Men's Bible Class of the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church:

WHEREAS, Believing, as we do believe, that the Nation's and the World's problems—religious, political, social, industrial, economic—can be solved, and permanent peace assured, only by faithfully obeying the Two Greatest Commandments: to love God supremely, and one's neighbor as one's self, the practical application of which is Brotherhood between individuals, between groups, between races within nations, ultimately between nations; and—

WHEREAS, Believing, as we do believe, that these ends can be attained only by a united Christianity, by a union of all deeply desiring the well-being of all mankind; therefore be it—

RESOLVED, First: That we follow the principles above set forth, and use our influence to have others do so.

Second: That copies of these Resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Council of Churches, and to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, urging their adherence to these principles; urging their continued action to effect a United Christendom, a union of all organizations desiring and willing to work for the well-being of all mankind—to assure Brotherhood in its broadest significance; urging their insistence on the incorporation of the spirit of the Two Great Commandments in the terms of peace to be adopted at the end of the war now raging.

Signed for the class:

K. J. PEELER, President.

THOMAS P. HARRISON, Teacher.

● REGULARLY HEARD

Regularly heard and appreciated, is the weekly broadcast of "The Churches Make News," heard every Sunday at 3:00 P. M., over Radio Station WPTF, Raleigh. Among the many who have recently commented about this broadcast was the editor of a large New York newspaper, who wanted to know the commentator and more about the broadcast than he had heard as he was driving through the state. If you are not a regular listener, we hope you will remember the time and station.

● BOOK OF THE MONTH

The many friends of Dr. H. Shelton Smith, long a moving figure in the N. C. Council of Churches, were delighted to learn that his book, "Faith and Nurture," was selected as the November Book-of-the-Month by the Religious Book Club. Since so many reviews of it have already appeared, we shall do nothing more in this bulletin other than urge you to secure a copy. Once it is in your hands, we know you will read and reread it.

● UNITED COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

After working and planning together through the National Committee of Church Women, the women of the Foreign Missions of North America, the Home Missions Council of North America, and the National Council of Church Women have consummated the plans for one united organization of Protestant church women. Approximately one hundred officially appointed delegates from the three groups and the members of the National Committee of Church Women met in Atlantic City, December 11-13, as the Constituting Convention and formed the United Council of Church Women.

Representing the North Carolina Council of Churches at this meeting was Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, Wilmington, who had a large part in mapping the plans for the future program of this United Council. Mrs. Sprunt is known throughout our state for her work in the field of weekday religious education.

According to the constitution, the work of the United Council is to be carried through three major departments: First—Department on Program, which will include present activities such as the World Day of Prayer and new interests; second—Department of Field Organization, which will be responsible for counselling local and state interdenominational groups of church women and organizing new ones; third—Department of Promotion and Publicity, which will be responsible for promoting the total program represented in the three organizations that have consummated the merger and for publicity, including press, radio and publication.

To quote from the constitution:

"The purpose shall be to unite church women in their allegiance to our Lord Jesus Christ through a program looking to their unification in the total life and work of the Church and the building of a world Christian community."

This United Council will bring a united approach of the various church agencies to the thousands of interdenominational groups of church women in the United States, some of which are extensively organized councils in the metropolitan areas; some groups uniting the Christian women of towns and villages across the country. Among the many activities of these groups, the one common to all is the World Day of Prayer, in which between six and seven thousand communities in the United States participate.

● THAT WORD—"ECUMENICAL"

A friend of the ecumenical movement has provoked many a smile by his characterization of the word itself. He said that it is "phonetically execrable and logically questionable, but etymologically incontestable, psychologically estimable, and pragmatically inevitable!"

HE WILL BE WITH US



Dr. Nevin Harner, one of the many prominent out of state religious leaders scheduled to participate in the forthcoming Convocation of Churches, Burlington, April 7, 8, 9.

● CONVOCATION LEADERS

The full program of the Sixth Annual Convocation of Churches, which will be held in Burlington, April 7, 8, 9, 1942, will be carried in the March issue of the Council Bulletin. We should like, at this time however, to call your attention to a few of the out-of-state leaders already scheduled for our three-day session. They are as follows:

Dr. Nevin Harner, Lancaster, Pa.; Dr. E. G. Homrighansen, Princeton, N. J.; Bishop Paul B. Kern, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. A. T. Molligen, Alexandria, Va.; Dr. John R. Mott, New York, N. Y.; Dr. Liston Pope, New Haven, Conn.

WANTED

News and more news! News of happenings that affect the religious life of your church, your community and your state. News that will be of interest to the reading public. Share it with us so that we may share it with the thousands of others throughout the state who will become regular readers of our column of religious news to be carried by many of our leading daily, semi-weekly and weekly newspapers.

● THOUGHTS OF GOD FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Today as never before, with the material world crashing around us, we realize the power of spiritual things. Such a realization comes through a knowledge of God and fellowship with Him. We must take time to know God and to help our young people to know Him and receive that strength which comes from Him alone.

A booklet, "Thoughts of God," containing daily prayers, meditations and Bible readings has been prepared for use during the six weeks of Lent. For the past two years St. Paul's Church, Winston-Salem, has made these booklets available for use in the homes and many parents have found them helpful as guides. To get the greatest value from these booklets they must be used faithfully each day. This may be the beginning of a lifelong habit of daily devotions and a means of making God more real to our young people. We must give our young people a faith in a living, loving God, if greed and selfishness are to be overcome and a lasting peace brought about.

As we search for helps in the guidance of our young people, we will find that we ourselves are growing and that such growth is leading us closer to Him.

"Thoughts of God" for boys and girls is a children's Fellowship of Prayer published by the Connecticut Council of Churches and Religious Education, and is available from the North Carolina Council of Churches for 10c each—8c each for 25 or more copies.

MISS ROSALIE S. WILSON, Director of Religious Education, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

● AMERICA'S PRAYER MINUTE

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16.

AMERICA'S PRAYER MINUTE provides men and women everywhere with an opportunity to unite in dedicating themselves and their country to the service of God, and at the same time remembering before the throne of grace this suffering, warring world.

The time for America's Prayer Minute is six o'clock every evening, to be observed for the duration of the war. Wherever you are at six o'clock will you not join with many others across this nation in a moment of concerted prayer?

The North Carolina Council of Churches, through its committee on Radio Ministry, has enlisted the services of the daily press and radio, in reminding North Carolinians of this daily observance. Suggestions of how this plan of concerted prayer may be most effectively observed in your community, may be had on request.

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Sixth Annual Convocation of Churches, April 7-9 First Baptist Church, Burlington

Group Institutes

April 8th, 2:15 p. m.-3:45 p. m.

1. "What We Christians Should Do in Time of War"

Dr. John R. Mott, *Leader*Dr. J. Clyde Auman, *Chairman*

2. "Youth and the Church"

Dr. Nevin C. Harner, *Leader*Mr. Henry Rust, *Chairman*

3. "The Challenge to Democracy"

Dr. Liston Pope, *Leader*Rev. Eugene Olive, *Chairman*

4. "Preaching to This Generation"

Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen, *Leader*Rev. S. J. Starnes, *Chairman*

5. "Christianity and This War"

Dr. A. T. Mollegen, *Leader*Rev. William S. Turner, *Chairman*

6. "Church Women United in Action"

Mrs. Andrew Dale, *Leader*Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, *Chairman*

7. "Needs and Problems of Children Today"

Miss A. Myfanwy Roberts, *Leader*Mrs. A. S. Root, *Chairman*

8. "Church Music Hour"

Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl, *Director*

(See special program, center page)

April 9th, 2:15 p. m.-3:45 p. m.

1. "The Answer to Democracy"

Dr. Liston Pope, *Leader*Dr. Clyde A. Milner, *Chairman*

2. "Faith and Nurture Reconsidered"

Dr. H. Shelton Smith, *Leader*Rev. Carl H. King, *Chairman*

3. "Church Women United in Action"

Mrs. Andrew Dale, *Leader*Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, *Chairman*

4. "Planning for Children in the Local Church"

Miss A. Myfanwy Roberts, *Leader*Miss Elizabeth Oliver, *Chairman*

5. "Church Music Hour"

Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl, *Director*

(See special program, center page)



Dr. John R. Mott

DR. JOHN R. MOTT

Dr. John R. Mott, one of the many prominent religious leaders scheduled to appear on the program of the forthcoming Convocation of Churches, was recently characterized by Time Magazine as "Protestantism's greatest organizer and money raiser" and "this Ulysses of modern missionaries." It is estimated that this recognized world leader has traveled over 2,000,000 miles and raised \$300,000,000 for the causes he has represented.

At Edinburgh in 1910 Dr. Mott distinguished himself as chairman of the great interdenominational World Conference, out of which evolved in 1920 the International Missionary Council which he headed until recently.

More than any other man, Dr. Mott is responsible for the Y. M. C. A.'s great international organization, which now numbers 2,000,000 members in 10,000 local association in 60 lands. It is expected therefore that "Y" leaders from the Carolinas and adjoining states will join the hundreds of churchmen of all denominations from all parts of North Carolina in the greatest Convocation yet held in our state.

Program

Tuesday, April 7th—Evening Session

Dr. John R. Cunningham, Presiding

7:30—Worship Through Music:

Burlington Men's Chorus
Mr. Clarence Southern, *Director*

7:50—Convocation Hymn

Invocation Dr. A. D. Kinnett

7:55—Welcome Mr. J. E. Baker
Rev. W. E. Harrop8:00—President's Annual Address—
Bishop Edwin A. Penick

8:30—Special Music Prof. Loadwick

8:40—Address Dr. Liston Pope

9:25—Benediction

Wednesday, April 8th—Morning Session

Rev. J. L. Levens and Bishop

J. Kenneth Pfohl, Presiding

9:30—Worship Meditation—

Dr. Elbert Russell

9:50—Address—"Christian Education
in a Time of Confusion"

Dr. Nevin C. Harner

10:35—Special Music, Mr. Clyde Kentzer

10:45—Address—"Things That Belong
to Peace" Dr. Liston Pope

11:30—Intermission

11:45—Special Music:

Wake Forest College Octette

12:00—Address—"Light in
Darkness" Dr. John R. Mott

12:45—Benediction

Afternoon Session

2:15-3:45—Group Institutes

General Session

Rev. Tilford Swearingen, Presiding

3:50—Worship Through Music:

Burlington High School Glee Club
Miss Eva Wiseman, *Director*

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Bishop Edwin A. Penick

Sixth Annual North Caro First Baptist Church, Burlington

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PRE-CONVENTION SESSION

Although the Convocation does not formally open until Tuesday evening, April 7th, we are happy to announce that the following program has been arranged for Tuesday afternoon, at which time opportunity will be given for discussion of the subject, "Teaching the Bible in the Public Schools of North Carolina" and the official launching of the United Christian Education Advance Movement in North Carolina will take place.

2:30—Opening Devotions
Special Music

3:00—Open Forum—"Teaching the Bible in the Public Schools of N. C."

Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., *Leader*

4:00—Church Music Hour (see special program)

4:15—Panel Discussion—"United Christian Education Advance Comes to N. C."

Denominational leaders participating

5:00—Adjournment

CONVOCATION MEMBERSHIP

The annual Convocation of Churches is a self-sustaining activity of the N. C. Council of Churches. We believe the program merits the support of those attending.

The Convocation membership is \$1.00. This membership is transferrable and it is our desire that you share your admission badge with your friends if you are not able to attend certain sessions. In addition to affording you the privileges of the Convocation, this membership entitles you to a year's subscription of the Church Council Bulletin and other literature distributed by the Council.

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Dr. H. Shelton Smith—Professor of Christian Ethics and Religious Education, Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C.

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Rev. S. J. Starnes—Pastor of Durham Circuit and Secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, Durham, N. C.

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Rev. William S. Turner—Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dr. W. P. Twaddell—Minister of Music, First Presbyterian Church, Durham, N. C.

Dr. E. H. F. Weis—Director, Guilford College A Cappella Choir, Guilford College, N. C.

Miss Eva Wiseman—Supervisor Music, Burlington Public Schools, Burlington, N. C.

Rev. David W. Yates—Rector, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Durham, N. C.



Bishop Paul B. Kern



Dr. Elmer C. Homrighausen

BOOK EXHIBIT

The book exhibit will be made by the Baptist Book Store, Raleigh, Mrs. Roger Marshall in charge.

ARCHITECTURE EXHIBIT

Mr. Conover, in charge of this exhibit, will be glad to meet with any who may wish to counsel with him regarding their building or improvement problems.

HOTELS AND HOUSING

For full information about overnight accommodations write directly to Mr. Thurston Cates, % Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Burlington, N. C.

CHURCH MUSIC HOUR

Mrs. J. KENNETH PFOHL, *Director*

Tuesday, April 7, 4:00-5:00 p. m.

Music in the Worship of the Church
Miss Grace Leeds Darnell, *Leader*

Wednesday, April 8, 2:15-3:45 p. m.

How Spiritual Music May Serve American Youth in Total Defense
Mr. Thane McDonald, *Leader*

The Minister and His Relation to the Church's Musical Organizations
The Rev. Stephen Morrisett

When and Where a Junior Choir?
Miss Grace Leeds Darnell, *Leader*

Thursday, April 9, 2:15-3:45 p. m.

Music and Its Relation to the Devotional Life
Mr. Kenneth Osborne, *Leader*

The Value and Service of Junior Choirs
Dr. W. P. Twaddell, *Leader*



Dr. Liston Pope

PROGRAM

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4:10—Address—"The Trek of the Modern Church"
Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen

4:55—Hymn
Benediction

Evening Session

Dr. F. S. Love, Presiding

7:30—Worship Through Music:
Guilford College A Cappella Choir
Dr. E. H. F. Weis, *Director*

8:00—Invocation, Bishop Clare Purcell
Address—"The Great Commission Still Stands"
Bishop Paul B. Kern

9:00—Hymn
Benediction

Thursday, April 9th—Morning Session

Rev. David W. Yates and Dr.
W. R. Cullom, Presiding

9:30—Worship Meditation

9:50—Address—"The Crisis of Western Culture"
Dr. A. T. Mollegen

10:35—Special Music

10:45—Address—"Christian Faith in the Crucible of War"
Dr. H. Shelton Smith

11:30—Intermission

12:00—Address—"The Pertinence of Jesus in a Day of Confusion"
Bishop Paul B. Kern

12:45—Benediction

Afternoon Session

2:15-3:45—Group Institutes

General Session

Rev. F. L. Conrad, Presiding

3:50—Worship Through Music:
Durham Junior Choir
Dr. W. P. Twadell, *Director*

4:10—Address: "A Theology for Our Times" Dr. A. T. Mollegen

4:45—Hymn
Benediction

Evening Session

Dr. J. H. Lightbourne, Presiding

7:30—Worship Through Music:
Combined Choirs of Burlington and Vicinity

7:50—Invocation Rev. L. B. Hamm

8:00—Address—"They Hold the World Together"
Dr. John R. Mott

9:00—Convocation Hymn
Benediction

SAVE ON TRANSPORTATION

In order that more people may come in fewer cars to the Convocation we have requested the following to serve as contact people in their respective communities. If you are driving and have room for extra passengers or if you are seeking a ride, clear this matter through the person designated below.

If your community is not listed, consider the president of your Ministerial Association the contact person.

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Church Council News Service Provides Weekly Coverage of Religious News

Early in 1942 the Council inaugurated its **Church Council Press Service*** and has furnished to all daily and semi-weekly papers of the state a weekly summary of the news of the churches and happenings bearing on religion. The following are excerpts taken from recent releases:

Another Religious News Broadcast

The North Carolina Council of Churches has sponsored for more than a year now a broadcast, "The Churches Make News," carried by radio station WPTF, Raleigh. A new but somewhat similar program has been put on the air by radio station WGTC of Greenville. The new program, called "Religion Today," edited by the Rev. A. Hartwell Campbell, minister of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Greenville, is heard on Saturday evenings at 7:15.

Greenville Initiates Course in Religion

Greenville, N. C., has joined the host of other towns that have instituted a course of religion in the public schools. Seventeen Protestants and twelve Catholics have elected the course in religion as part of their schedule for the remainder of the year. The course has the support of all the local churches, the school board, the faculty, and the ministers of the town. Three local ministers have assumed the teaching responsibility for the present.

Johnston County Ministers Launch Interracial Venture

An organization described by the *Smithfield Herald* as "unique in the South" was effected a week ago last Monday at Smithfield's First Baptist Church, when 35 white and Negro ministers of various denominations formed the Johnston County Ministerial Association. The Rev. C. L. Gillespie, minister of the host church, took the initiative in extending an invitation to the ministers of both races and all denominations. The association will aim to promote Christian

"Inescapable Duty of The Church"

Three hundred and seventy-seven religious leaders, representing thirty communions and allied church organizations, gathered at Delaware, Ohio, in March to discuss the issues of the peace to follow this war. The conference met under the auspices of the Federal Council's Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, and its work was predicated on the belief that "it is the purpose of God to create a world-wide community in Jesus Christ, transcending nation, race, and class." With striking unanimity, the conference declared that it is the inescapable duty of the Church "to speak both to its own members and to the leaders of our political, economic, and cultural life concerning what seems to it to be the will of God for the peaceful ordering of human life."

The Conference endorsed the statement of Guiding Principles, which had been prepared in advance by the Study Commission. The Conference then fully discussed those principles, which, briefly summarized, mean consideration of the following problems: moral law and the results of disregarding it; the necessity of achieving harmony among interdependent nations; economic resources as a trust to promote the general welfare; ways of peaceful change; better colonial government; internationally controlled military establishments; international guarantees of personal freedoms and liberties without discrimination; responsibility of power; responsibility of the Christian Church; the Christian necessity of translating belief into action; the imperative of transforming the kingdoms of the world into the Kingdom of Christ.

Notably absent from the Conference were representatives of labor, although business and capital had several of its best spokesmen there. This may go far to explain the differences between the economic section of the Delaware Conference and its more radical forerunner, the Malvern Conference.

(The full "Delaware Report" may be read in the *Christian Century*, March 25, 1942, or printed copies may be obtained at 10c each from the N. C. Council of Churches office.)

SUGGESTED READING

For those who wish suggestions for reading material on the subject of a just and durable peace, the Council has compiled a list of pamphlets, books, and magazine articles pertaining to this subject. Free on request.

North Carolina Churchmen Acknowledge Power and Growth of Council

The first purpose of the North Carolina Council of Churches, as stated in the Constitution is "To promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ constituting the several communions of North Carolina."

The Annual Convocation has sought to carry out this purpose. Representatives of sixteen denominations from 78 N. C. communities and 8 other states attended the meeting in Burlington in April. By request we are presenting in part the report of the Committee on Findings and Resolutions as read at the closing session of the Convocation:

The Findings Committee of the Sixth Annual Convocation of Churches desires, first of all, to voice the appreciation of the more than 600 registered attendants to the North Carolina Council of Churches for having made so excellent a Convocation possible. These annual gatherings with their opportunities for wide Christian fellowship, inspiring messages and instructive conferences would, alone, in our opinion, justify the maintenance of our Council. That they are becoming more and more appreciated is evidenced by the increased attendance and interest on the part of both clergy and laity.

The present Convocation has been outstanding in the high character of its program, the personnel of its speakers and the many ways in which the subjects presented have related themselves to the urgency and needs of our time. We have been led to sense deeply the mighty judgments of God upon us, to recognize the need for repentance and faith and to see in Jesus Christ our only hope for a safe emergence from our present confusion. But if we have been chastened in spirit by what we have heard, we have been given fresh vision by our Lord and His sufficiency. There has been deep spiritual interest which has accounted in part for the steady and regular attendance of representatives and we have reason to believe that the blessings of this Convocation will give renewed spiritual impetus to the church life of our state.

The carefully arranged musical programs provided for each session deserve special mention. They have contributed much to the helpfulness of the Convocation and have set new and higher standards for the music of our churches. The

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*The Council urges you to report the news of your church and the religious happenings of your community. Address all communications to our press and radio reporter, Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., The United Church, Raleigh, N. C. Our press releases are prepared on Wednesdays, radio broadcasts on Saturday, and special releases at any time.

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• SUPPLY EXHAUSTED

Bulletin 2-A, "Teaching the Bible in the Public Schools of North Carolina," is no longer available. So great was the demand for this bulletin that a second printing was ordered last September and now all copies of this printing have been distributed. A total of 4,000 copies have been sent to those requesting them in almost every community of North Carolina and twenty-five states.

The Council's Committee on Week-day Religious Education, with Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., of Davidson College as its chairman, is now considering the advisability of publishing a more comprehensive bulletin on this subject.

• ANOTHER ASHRAM

The American Christian Ashram will be held at Blue Ridge, July 16-August 1, under the auspices of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

This is the third Ashram to be held at Blue Ridge. Both of the previous ones were held with considerable success and enjoyed splendid attendances.

Those who will serve as teachers and speakers are being selected now. It is definite that E. Stanley Jones of India will be present. During the last two summers he has made an invaluable contribution to the Ashram program and fellowship.

All who desire to attend the Ashram at Blue Ridge should correspond with—

The Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.

• REPORT OF ONE-DAY CONVENTIONS

The three One-day Conventions held in North Carolina as a part of the United Christian Education Advance, April 24-27, had the disappointing average attendance of about 165 but the encouraging feature of being very representative of denominations and communities. Leaders representing 14 communions and 82 communities registered for the three Conventions which were held in Reidsville, Kinston and Salisbury.

One thing that grew out of these meetings was the realization on the part of many that, for a real United Advance in our state, there must be a closer relationship than now exists between the denominational field workers. It was felt that this group should assume responsibility for mapping the plans and promoting the program of the United Advance. In order that this matter might be considered, a meeting of the field workers was held in Greensboro on May 18th, at which time plans were made for closer co-operation between the staff workers and their several communions.

• REGIONAL ADULT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

Plans for the holding of the United Christian Adult Conference for the Central Atlantic Region are now taking final shape and will be announced soon, according to information received from Rev. S. J. Patterson, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia, chairman of the Conference's Executive Committee. The Conference will be held at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia, August 10-15, 1942. Additional information may be had by writing directly to your denominational leaders or to the office of the North Carolina Council of Churches, College Station, Durham, N. C.

• THE STEADFAST CHURCHES OF EUROPE

Germany. Bishop Wurm of the Lutheran Church in Wurttemberg has condemned the Nazi "war against Christianity." The Nazis have suppressed 95 per cent of religious periodicals by refusing them paper. Such restrictions, however, have not succeeded in weakening religious faith. According to the Swiss *Kirchenzeitung*, a Catholic journal: "The public is buying more Bibles and religious books than before. Sermons are much better than they used to be. The clergy is conscious of the call of the hour. . . The Church is the only place where the German of today can still hear a comparatively free, true, courageous word. . . I was astonished and rejoiced to see that these preachers are not over-cautious."

France. While churchmen are divided concerning the Vichy regime, apparently there is growing resistance to totalitarianism. It is reported that five Protestant youth organizations have joined in setting up a council to help young people preserve the heritage of France, to appreciate the values of the world community and to obey God. The latter implies "the definite rejection of all totalitarian ideologies."

Holland. The Protestants and Catholics have protested the closing down of many of their institutions and have courageously condemned the new anti-Semitic measures.

Czechoslovakia. The Lutherans of Slovakia are being persecuted by the puppet government but the two bishops and their people have been courageous and steadfast enough to maintain their position. The Czech Brethren (Moravian) are said to be leading the Protestant resistance to totalitarianism in their section of the country.

Switzerland. On the Swiss "island of democracy," where Nazi pressure is steadily growing, Pastor Koehlin, the new president of the general Assembly of Reformed Churches, has urged the churches to help refugees and to defend the national independence. If Switzerland were overcome—"The Church's task would then be to sustain among the people those forces of resistance which faith produces and which do not yield to the temptation of compromise, nor to subtle persuasion, nor to the threat of suffering."

• ADDRESSES AVAILABLE

Copies of Bishop Penick's address and "Things That Belong to Peace," by Dr. Liston Pope, both delivered at the Sixth Annual Convocation of Churches, April 7, may be had on request. Also available, "What the United Christian Education Advance Means to You," by Dr. David E. Faust, of Catawba College, Salisbury.

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fellowship among the ministers of all creeds and races. Mr. Gillespie was elected chairman and the Rev. B. A. Johnson, of Selma, moderator of the Negro Baptist Association of Johnston County, was elected secretary-treasurer.

A Church That Serves

The Southside Baptist Church of Winston-Salem has found a unique way of providing for the needs of people in that city. They have established a "Church Wardrobe" and a "Church Cupboard." The young men of the church conceived the idea of a "church wardrobe" in order to supplement the relief budget of the church. Used clothing is turned over to a committee of these young people who clean and repair it and put it in good condition. It is then placed in the "wardrobe," a specially prepared room in the church where it is always available for the pastor or the relief committee to use when needed. The "Church Cupboard," an idea of the Woman's Missionary Union, is kept filled with canned fruits and vegetables. Every summer when the ladies of the church do their canning, they set aside at least one out of every ten cans to bring to the church, thus providing a means of supplementing the diet of needy families. Because of the practical Christian ministry of this church, the pastor, the Rev. W. Wilbur Hutchins, reports that many who had felt that the "church didn't care" are now to be seen regularly at the church's service, often wearing the clothing which the church has provided and without which they might not have felt that they could attend.

New Council of Churches May Pattern After North Carolina's Council

The Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, was the chief speaker at a recent ministers' conference at Columbia, South Carolina, where he outlined the work and progress of the Council which he heads. The conference was called together by representative churchmen looking forward to an organization of a South Carolina Council of Churches, possibly patterned after North Carolina's model. Preliminary steps were taken but the actual organization has not yet been decided upon.

Raleigh Ministers Petition Governor

The Raleigh Ministerial Association at its regular meeting voted to request the secretary of the Association to write Governor J. M. Broughton, requesting that a Day of Prayer be set aside for the entire state, emphasizing the need for spiritual strength and guidance in these difficult and trying times.

10,000 Bible Students in Public Schools

The president of the North Carolina public school Bible teachers, Miss Janet Robinson of Charlotte, revealed at a meeting of the group at the State Education Association Meeting, that there are now more than 60 full or part-time Bible teachers in North Carolina. 39 of these teachers reported that there are now enrolled in their classes, a total of 14,280 students. Almost without exception, the teachers are paid by the churches and other religious groups in the 50 or more communities now providing for Biblical instruction in the public schools.

Jewish Citizen Leaves Bequest To Protestant Ministers

The Fayetteville Ministers' Association, composed entirely of Protestant ministers, received a \$500 legacy, given by one of the city's leading Jewish citizens, who died March 22, Jacob J. Stein.

New Councils of Church Organized

Churches throughout the country have a new sense of responsibility as they meet the difficult problems which they must face now and in an effort to strengthen their ministry, the Protestant forces in many communities have organized into local Councils of Churches. According to a report made by the Intercouncil Field Department, Chicago, 37 new councils of churches have been organized in the last five months. One of the most recently organized is the Fayetteville, North Carolina, Council of Churches, composed of the minister and two lay representatives from each Protestant congregation. Fayetteville's proximity to Fort Bragg has dumped many a problem into the lap of the churches and the Council is one answer to these emergency problems.

Commission on Interracial Co-operation Elects New Director

On May 1, Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, Executive Secretary of the N. C. Council of Churches, became Director of the N. C. Commission on Interracial Co-operation, succeeding Mr. L. R. Reynolds of Richmond, Va., who had served the N. C. and Virginia Commission jointly for over 14 years. While Mr. Arnold will divide his time between the two organizations, both the Executive Committee of the Council of Churches and a similar committee of the Commission on Interracial Co-operation have announced that proper assistance will be given Mr. Arnold, in order that the full program of both organizations may be continued and enlarged. Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Raleigh, was re-elected chairman of the Commission. Vice-chairmen, elected at the same meeting of the Executive Committee, were: Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Winston-Salem; Dr. J. W. Seabrook, Fayetteville; Mrs. Rose D. Aggrey, Salisbury; Dr. David D. Jones, Greensboro; and Dr. C. H. Hamlin, Wilson. Mr. C. C. Spaulding, of Durham, was re-elected treasurer.

North Carolina Churchmen Acknowledge Power and Growth of Council

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Findings Committee would encourage the development of the musical features of future Convocation programs.

We have been happy to learn that the Council now receives support from 13 denominational bodies and that its leadership is being sought in many areas of religious endeavor not carried on hitherto by the various churches.

From the reports made available we are happy to report the following information which attendants at the Convocation will want to carry to the people back home:

The matter of Week-day Religious Education

or Bible in the public schools continues to be a matter of great interest throughout the state. At the present time there are some 60 full or part-time Bible teachers reaching the children in our public schools with regular courses of study. 39 of these teachers recently reported that they are teaching more than 10,000 children each week. More and more people throughout the state are coming to the Council for guidance in setting up week-day religious education programs. A rough estimate places the number of unchurched children in our state at 300,000. This important interest is coming to be better understood and the churches in increasing numbers are supplying the money needed to carry on this work in their local schools.

Another feature of Council's service developed during the year has been

Radio Programs

such as "The Churches Make News," heard each Sunday over WPTF, Raleigh. It is the hope that before another year passes, similar programs over many of the other stations in North Carolina may be heard.

The Council has for several years co-operated with the

North Carolina Interracial Commission

and has worked through many channels for promoting better race relations.

Another important field of service has been the sponsoring of

State-wide Student Conferences

Two of these have been held with the aim of making the conferences for these students what the Convocation is to the ministers. Already request has come for another such conference and it has received the approval of the Executive Committee.

The

Radio and Press Service

represents a new line of effort also. Weekly releases of the news of the churches to the papers of the

state, are more and more being accepted and carried in full or in part by a large number of papers.

Channels for United Action

Perhaps one of the greatest advantages and services of the Council is that it provides a channel through which all groups can work together. A notable example of this is the fact that we are able to have several of the Christian Advance Conventions in our state this month, whereas other states without such a Council are in most cases unable to carry on such activities.

More and more people are coming to the Council for information regarding every phase of our religious life. Many times the office of the Council is able to furnish information which could not be secured from any other source. Churchmen are urged to use this information service more often.

We are happy that North Carolina churches through the Council are paving the way towards that unity of Christian life and service which is one of the crying needs of the time and we urge even wider co-operation and fuller support. The further interest of denominational bodies is asked for in support of this united service. Financial support is also a need and individual churches and congregations are asked to place the Council and the work in their annual budgets. With larger income the work may be greatly widened.

Suggestions

have come to us for three new lines of Council effort to which we would give our hearty endorsement as a Findings Committee:

a. Request shall be made of the Governor of the State that he issue a call for a Day of Prayer when our citizenship shall, in their homes and in their places of public assembly, make earnest confession of their sins and consecrate themselves anew to God and His service, praying for His guidance and aid.

b. An effort be made to encourage in every way possible interest and effort among the churches in meeting the moral and spiritual needs of the soldiers in the various camps of the state.

c. Awaken new interest and effort in the cause of the rehabilitation of prisoners.

Thanks and Appreciation

For the Convocation we would express deep appreciation to the City of Burlington for its wide-open hospitality; to the sponsoring groups, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association and the Ministerial Association; to the First Baptist Church for the privilege of holding the sessions in its ample and well equipped building; to the Daily Times News and WBBB for their excellent service; to the Convocation Committee Chairmen for their faithful efforts; to the various musical organizations and

individuals who aided in the inspiring musical programs.

We express sincere thanks, too, to the program speakers, presiding officers and institute leaders. They have rendered inspiring and helpful service and, many of them, at great personal sacrifice.

Above all, we express gratitude to God for this provision of grace for our needs and His rich blessing.

Respectfully,

Trela D. Collins,
Charles C. Weaver,
Banks J. Peeler,
David W. Yates,
J. Kenneth Pfohl,

Committee.

BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD

The following lines come from an unknown minister of England, setting forth the conditions of England at this time:

We have been a pleasure-loving people, dishonoring God's day, picnicking and bathing—
Now the seashores are bared; no picnics, no bathing.

We have preferred motor travel to church-going—
Now there is a shortage of motor fuel.

We have ignored the ringing of the church bells calling us to worship—
Now the bells cannot ring except to warn of invasion.

We have left the churches half empty when they should have been filled with worshippers—
Now they are in ruins.

We would not listen to the way of peace—
Now we are forced to listen to the way of war.

The money we would not give to the Lord's work—
Now is taken from us in taxes and higher prices.

The food for which we forgot to say thanks—
Now is unobtainable.

The service we refused to give to God—
Now is conscripted for the country.

Lives we refused to live under God's control—
Now are under the nation's control.

Nights we would not spend in "Watching unto prayer"—
Now are spent in anxious air raid precautions.

The evils of modernism we would not fight—
Now—see what Germany, the seat of this teaching, has produced!

● REPEAT PERFORMANCE

By request the play, "The Kingdom of God Versus Protestant Christianity" or better known to some as "The Churches of North Carolina on Trial," which was presented at the opening session of the recent Convocation, will be given at the Duke Pastors' School and Rural Institute on Thursday evening, June 11.

● PASTORS' SCHOOL AND RURAL CHURCH INSTITUTE, JUNE 8-13

The twenty-fourth annual session of the North Carolina Pastors' School and the ninth annual session of the Rural Church Institute to be held at Duke University, June 8-13, has been announced by Dr. J. M. Ormond, Dean. The first session will be held Monday evening, June 8, at 8:00 p. m. in the University Chapel with an address by Dr. E. Stanley Jones. The program will continue until noon Saturday, June 13. The many outstanding leaders scheduled to participate in the week's program, in addition to Dr. Jones, include:

Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins, Professor Emeritus of Auburn Theological Seminary.

Dr. O. E. Baker, Senior Social Scientist, Division of Farm Population and Rural Welfare, United States Department of Agriculture.

Dr. John C. Bennett, Professor of Theology, Pacific School of Religion.

Dr. B. G. Hodge, Methodist Minister, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Thomas S. Kepler, Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Dr. Dwight Sanderson, Professor of Rural Sociology, Cornell University.

Dr. Y. C. Yang, President of Soochow University, Soochow, China.

Dr. Elbert Russell, Dean Emeritus of the Duke Divinity School.

Miss Oscie Sanders, Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, New York.

Dr. J. Fisher Simpson, Secretary on the General Board of Education Staff, Nashville, Tennessee.

Complete information concerning these institutes may be had from Dr. J. M. Ormond, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

● AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AFFILIATION

The First Presbyterian Church of Durham, N. C., carries regularly the following declaration in its weekly bulletin:

This Church is affiliated with the Durham Council of Churches, The North Carolina State Council of Churches, The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and The World Council of Churches. Through these agencies and the missions of the Presbyterian Church, the ministry of this Church extends beyond the local parish into all the world.

● PRAYER IN WAR TIME

A large number of North Carolina radio stations are calling their listeners to prayer at 6:00 p. m. each evening. Several thousand copies of the booklet, "America's Prayer Minute," have been distributed free, to those requesting them, by the Council, but the heavy demand for these makes it necessary for us hereafter to make a charge for them at the rate of 5 cents per single copy or 2 cents in quantities of twenty or more.

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Bishop Edwin A. Penick Re-elected Council Head Religious Education Week to Be Observed September 27-October 4

GOVERNOR AND MAYORS ISSUE PROCLAMATIONS

Churches of all denominations throughout North Carolina will join the religious forces of the nation in the observance of Religious Education Week, September 27-October 4. This observance which has been endorsed nationally by President Roosevelt, a host of Governors and hundreds of Mayors throughout the nation, is being sponsored in N. C. by the major denominations through the North Carolina Council of Churches in co-operation with the International Council of Religious Education. Suggested programs for the local churches and community groups have gone through the denominational channels. The Council of Churches has been charged with the general publicity of the observance and the arrangement of the radio programs to be heard over most of our stations.

The following proclamation from Mayor Earl B. Horner of Burlington is typical of the many such proclamations which have been issued by the leaders of many of the cities and towns throughout North Carolina in the interest of this observance:

WHEREAS, the moral and spiritual foundations of freedom cannot stand firm without religious teaching for all, together with religious faith and practice; and

WHEREAS, in this time of our Nation's greatest responsibility, and also, among the countries of the world millions of our young men must serve on many battle fronts and millions more of our fellow citizens must serve in our great war industries far flung from family morale and community living; and

WHEREAS, we break faith with them if we do not keep sound and strong the moral and spiritual foundations of our civic and social life in this community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Earl B. Horner, Mayor of the City of Burlington, North Carolina, hereby proclaim the period beginning Sunday, September 27th, and continuing through Sunday, October 4th, as the Twelfth Annual

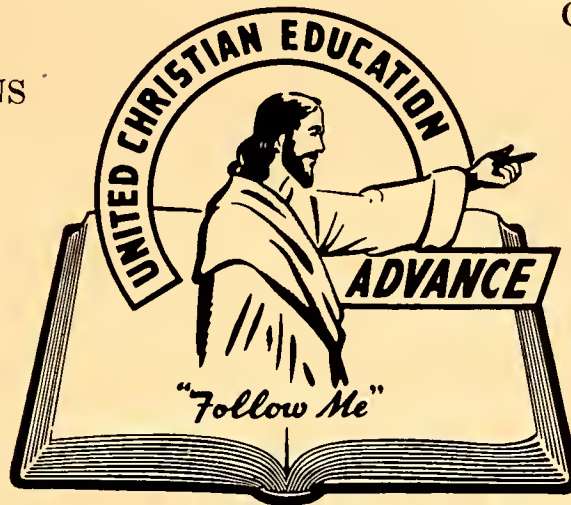
CHURCHMEN HOLD ANNUAL SESSION IN LEXINGTON

The North Carolina Council of Churches meeting in annual session in the First Baptist Church in Lexington, September 22, re-elected the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, to the presidency of the Council for the year 1942-43. Other officers named were Dr. John R. Cunningham, Davidson College, first vice-president; Dr. Jas. H. Lightbourne, Burlington, second vice-president; Mrs. H. A. White, High Point, secretary; and Mr. E. B. Weatherspoon, Durham, treasurer.

Dr. Cunningham will continue as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Dr. Lightbourne enters his second year as Chairman of the Board of Finance. The Board of Christian Activities will be headed by Dr. H. Shelton Smith of Durham. A special committee consisting of Rev. Carl H. King of Salisbury, Messrs. Smith, Penick, Cunningham and Arnold was appointed to reorganize this Board and create several new committees, including one on Race Relations.

Between business sessions approximately 75 of the state's leading clergymen and lay religious workers were the guests of the Lexington Ministerial Association at the Council's Third Annual Fellowship Luncheon, also held in the First Baptist Church. Dr. C. C. Weaver, District Superintendent of the Winston-Salem District of the Methodist Church acted as Toastmaster and the address of welcome was given by Dr. J. C. Leonard, one of North Carolina's most beloved ministers and a member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Dr. W. R. Cullom of Wake Forest responded with most appropriate words expressing the sentiment of all present.

The Fellowship Luncheon address was delivered by Dr. Cunningham who emphasized the need for the Protestant Church to quicken its pace, unite its forces and resources and implement its witness with an adequate educational churchmanship. A later bulletin will carry Dr. Cunningham's message in full.



World-wide Communion Sunday To Be Observed October 4th

Across the world on October 4, Christians in all lands where freedom of worship is still permitted will join in services of Holy Communion in witness to their unbroken fellowship with Christians everywhere.

When hate is on the march and war is rampant in the world, Christians everywhere must maintain an unbroken and unbreakable fellowship which will stand out in contrast to our broken and disorganized world. This global observance will bear witness to a fellowship which can cross frontiers of race, break through barriers of human prejudice and rise above the clash of warring nations.

All who gather about the Lord's Table will do so in remembrance of Him. Christians everywhere are to be guests of our Lord Jesus Christ, Head over all things to His Church.

Millions of Christians around the world will pray together the following prayer on Communion Sunday, October 4th:

O God, Whose love enfolds all families and nations of men, and Whose purpose for the whole world Thou hast made manifest in Christ, we commend to Thy loving Providence our brethren in every land, who are bound with us in the bonds of a common faith. Comfort such as

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● THE CHURCHES MAKE NEWS TO BE CONTINUED

On Sunday, October 4, the program, "The Churches Make News" begins its third year on the air. The Council takes pleasure in announcing that our Commentator, the Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, will again be heard over WPTF each Sunday at 3:00 p. m. Our readers are urged to send to Mr. Robinson any news items of general interest which they would like carried on these broadcasts.

►The Council of Churches is the medium for your church and mine to strengthen both and all by united action and co-operative efforts.

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED OCT. 4

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are in any distress, and multiply Thy mercy to any who know hardship by reason of their faith in Christ. Though our nations are at war, suffer us not to forget that we are still members with them of one household of faith. Where doors are closed against the outreach of our hands in ministries of friendship, keep open the highways of the spirit on which we journey with them toward the City of God. Even when we can send no word to them, do Thou send Thy Word to their waiting hearts, and let that Word break down every wall of partition between them and us.

Let Thy peace live everywhere within the Church of Christ, that while the nations struggle for a just and righteous peace, Thy Church may hold fast the unity of the spirit in Christ, and when war ends, join hands the world around to rebuild the waste places, to lay the foundations of peace for many generations, and to restore paths for the feet of the messengers of Christ. In His Name, Amen.

►The next Council bulletin will carry such reports as made at the annual meeting by Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Jr., on Week-day Religious Education and Dr. Paul Leslie Garber, chairman of the Council's Committee on Radio Ministry. These reports are now available, however, for those who desire them.

● CHURCH COUNCIL PRESS SERVICE RECEIVES APPROVAL

The Council of Churches in annual session, September 22, urged continuation of the Council's press service which was inaugurated one year ago. This service provides the papers of the state with weekly releases of the news of the churches and also special feature articles pertaining to the religious life of North Carolina. Many papers carry the weekly releases in full and recognition is given of the source of the material. Others separate the items and fail to give the Council credit for the articles. Nevertheless we believe the papers appreciate the service which the Council offers and are happy that the work will be continued.

We urge the readers of this Bulletin to send in any news items which they would like to share with the reading public of the state. Such items should be sent directly to Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, The United Church, Raleigh.

Fortune came and loudly knocked
At my door with cheery hail;
But, alas for fortune's labors,
I was over at my neighbors'
Pouring out a hard luck tale!

MESSAGE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

(Excerpts From Annual Report)

The North Carolina Council of Churches has just closed its sixth year of existence and service. As I write these words I am prone to reminisce over the three years I have been with the Council and list certain of this organization's achievements for which I think we should all be proud. And yet, I remember, acceleration is the key word today. These are times when we dare not dwell on past experiences but rather seek new and ever better means of bringing into existence a world of brotherhood for which our Master prayed, of which the psalmist sang and about which the Apostle Paul wrote.

However, in order that our co-operative efforts may be more fruitful during the ensuing year, it is necessary, I believe, that we examine briefly the ground over which we have travelled during the Council year 1941-42. As the servant of you and the people of the State, I shall try to give you a bird's-eye view of the many phases of the Council's work. Complete reports will be heard from your committee chairmen and I shall have certain recommendations to make at a later time.

As you will note, the purpose of our Council, as stated in our constitution, is three-fold. First, we "seek to promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ, constituting the several communions of North Carolina." Outsiders can sometimes better evaluate our efforts than we who are in the "inner circle" of the Council. It is, therefore, with pleasure that I quote in substance the recent words of one of our denominational leaders "The annual Convocations have done more to help me know and understand my fellow Christians than any other group of conferences I have ever attended. During some twenty years' service in North Carolina before the Council was organized, I came in contact with practically none of the leaders of other denominations. Now I believe I can call the first names of dozens of ministers from denominations which I hardly knew existed before." The last Convocation brought together representatives from 16 denominations and from 77 communities in North Carolina. Nine other states were represented by leaders and delegates.

The second purpose of our Council is to "serve as a medium of inter-church advice and counsel on matters affecting the progress of Christianity in the State." Almost all the activities in which the Council has been engaged seeks to fulfill this purpose. Aside from the many matters on which the Council has given particular attention through its Executive Committee and duly appointed special committees, such services as ren-

dered by the Church Council Press and Radio Ministry Committee are more and more recognized and appreciated.

I believe also that the Council office has done much to fulfill this second purpose for truly it has become a "clearing house" in the truest sense. Only an examination of the daily correspondence could give one an adequate knowledge of the varied requests received. Only recently we provided, in a few minutes' time, a certain clergyman with information which he had anticipated would take weeks to assemble. The office of the Council has been the distributing point for thousands of pamphlets of many descriptions and interests. "The Church at Work in Camp Communities" is only one of the many which have been widely distributed and, we believe, greatly appreciated.

The promotion of the observance of certain days and seasons such as Religious Education Week, World-wide Communion Sunday, Brotherhood Week, World Bible Sunday and others, have sought to fulfill our second purpose as stated above. These, though mentioned briefly, have involved hours and days of careful planning and promotion.

As we examine our third purpose, namely: "to associate the Communions in such joint service as may achieve more effectively the objectives of the Christian religion," we could cite no better example than the matter of week-day religious education. This movement calls for the bringing together of the religious leaders in the local communities if the projects are to be carried through successfully. Here in North Carolina fully one-third of our children are without religious instruction, another one-third are found in woefully inadequate church schools. Our committee on week-day religious education is to be congratulated for its untiring efforts in seeking to repaint this picture. Whereas 816 high school students were reported as having received credit for Bible courses during 1936-37, more than 15,000 were reached last school year by the 64 full or part-time teachers in our public schools. This year we see this work being extended to at least a dozen new communities. Our Council's policy has always been and must continue to be one of offering and not forcing. Our committee on this work is charged with the responsibility of assisting interested groups in working out plans for the successful promotion of week-day work and does not in any way seek to legislate.

Another notable example of the Council's effort to fulfill its third purpose is its work in connection with the United Christian Education Advance. While much of the Advance's program centers on and in the local churches and individual denominations, many opportunities for service are open to inter-church organizations such as our Council.

Many more activities of the Council

could be summarized here but we believe those already mentioned give a good cross section of our interests. All of our activities have been projected on the philosophy that functional unity is basic; co-operation is the road to unity. As we who are Christians become better acquainted we can better understand and be understood.

In May it was announced that by action of our Executive Committee and a similar committee from the North Carolina Commission on Interracial Co-operation, I was made director of the latter organization, with the thought that I would perhaps give one-third or one-fourth of my time to this work. In spite of the heavy load which I was carrying, I am glad to report that the work of the Commission has so dovetailed into that of the Council that I have person-

Re-elected Council Head



BISHOP EDWIN A. PENICK

ally been delighted with the opportunities which the dual set-up affords.

As we face a new Council year, we face a world of cynicism and despair. In spite of it all, however, there are forces at work which can change the world. The greatest is the religion which you and I profess. We have a message to share. To that end we are called; to that purpose we are dedicated. Let us, therefore, confront with courage and faith the distracting conditions of the world. Let us move forward under the guidance of God to reshape the manifestations of our church life in accordance with our inner spiritual unity. Thus united, may we witness to our faith and share it so skillfully that belief and action may come to a perplexed and bewildered generation.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Ernest J. Arnold,
Executive Secretary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

(Continued from Page 1, Column 1)

Religious Education Week and request that all citizens with their families rededicate themselves to God and renew their allegiance to the churches of their choice and seek that continuing religious instruction and worship which shall establish in their lives the spiritual foundations of freedom.

DONE this 17th day of September, 1942, at the City Hall in Burlington, North Carolina.

(Signed) EARL B. HORNER, Mayor
The City of Burlington.

Religious Education Week is a part of the United Christian Education Advance. Regarding the Advance the Southern Presbyterian has this to say in its promotional literature: "We must advance to a more vigorous program of action! Our problems demand solutions, not mere talk. There are in America today 60,000,000 or more people quite unrelated to any Christian church or agency. Of these 10,000,000 are youth, 17,000,000 are children. Will these unchurched be impressed with fine words, pious phrases, empty shibboleths? They have eaten bitterness in their day. They are cold and realistic as they look at us in the church. Not antagonistic, they are just not at all concerned. Resolutions, programs, pious aspirations, and declarations of sympathy are good only if they clear the way for action, if they lead us to something constructive, if they result in opening up our Church again as a place of refuge for the spiritually distressed, hopeless, weary, and lost. That is our Church's business. We must speedily be about our business, or . . . !"

● COUNCIL ENLARGED

By action of the Council the denominational representation may now be double that permitted in 1941-42. The members appointed at large by the Council may also be increased and these representatives have been named.

The following Presbyterian alternates named at the last meeting of the North Carolina Synod automatically become full members under the new plan:

Rev J. G. Garth	Charlotte
Rev. C. M. Gibbs	Dunn
Dr. E. E. Gillespie	Greensboro
Dr. J. O. Mann	Charlotte
Rev. M. O. Somers	Raleigh
Dr. O. C. Williamson	High Point
Miss Mary Louise Woodson	Charlotte

Other denominational bodies will increase their number of representatives at their next annual meetings.

"Co-operative Christianity is undefeatable."—Robert E. Speer.

Co-operation is stronger than competition. We do together what we cannot do separately.

The North Carolina Council of Churches

LEADERSHIP

OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP (1941-42)

1. Appointed by the Denominations (Alternates not listed)

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Rev. J. R. Love Charlotte
Dr. E. N. Orr Charlotte

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Rev. A. L. Granger, Jr. Asheboro
(Western North Carolina)
Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, Jr. Raleigh
(Eastern North Carolina)

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Rev. J. Wayne Drash Kinston
Rev. C. C. Ware Wilson
Rev. J. Alger Lollis Winston-Salem
Rev. Newton J. Robison Raleigh

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Rev. A. Wilson Cheek Conover
Rev. J. L. Levens Greensboro

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Rev. H. A. Schroder Durham
Rev. F. L. Conrad High Point
Mr. T. P. Rhyne Greensboro

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Mr. E. F. Craven Greensboro
Dr. W. R. Cullom Wake Forest
Mr. Galen Elliott Durham
Dr. Clyde Erwin Raleigh
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POLICY

Article I. Purpose

The Purpose of the North Carolina Council of Churches is:

1. To promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ constituting the several Communion of North Carolina.

2. To serve as a medium of inter-church advice and counsel on matters affecting the progress of Christianity in the State.

3. To associate the Communion in such joint service as may achieve more effectively the objectives of the Christian religion.

Article II. Principles and Policies

1. The Council shall exist as a voluntary association, and shall be without mandatory power in relation to the bodies choosing to make use of it as a channel of counsel and of joint Christian expression.

2. The complete autonomy and corporate integrity of each Communion shall be mutually respected and safeguarded in all relations involving inter-denominational fellowship and action.

3. The membership of the Council shall be composed by direct action of each Communion, either by election, appointment, or nomination, as each body may determine.

4. Each cooperating Communion shall be permitted six representatives on the Council for the first ten thousand communicant members, and four for each additional twenty thousand or major fraction thereof up to fifty thousand, and beyond that there shall be two for each fifty thousand, or major fraction thereof, provided that a number not to exceed twenty percent may be elected at large by the Council.

5. In relation to such national bodies as the International Council of Religious Education and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the North Carolina Council of Churches shall be administratively autonomous, but cooperative in spirit, purpose and program.

Article VII

Boards and Committees as Follows:

1. Board of Finance. The Board of Finance shall develop plans and policies for the successful financing of the work of the Council, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The Board of Finance shall elect its own officers and determine its own meetings.

2. Board of Christian Activities. The Board of Christian Activities shall be responsible for developing a constructive program of cooperative activities, and shall recommend same to the Council or Executive Committee for adoption. The Board of Christian Activities may create such special committees as may be necessary. The Board shall elect its own officers and determine its own meetings.

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Our School Helps Us To Discover Religious Truth and Apply It To the Problems of Life



Week-day Religious Education in North Carolina

GROWTH

Phenomenal progress has been made by the people of North Carolina during recent years in promoting a sound program of week-day religious education. Today at least seventy communities in the state provide for their children elective courses devoted to the teaching of the Bible in the public schools. This is almost double the number reported a year and a half ago. The vast majority of the classes are being taught by well trained teachers approved by their local committees on week-day religious education and by the State Department of Public Instruction. North Carolina is the first state in the union to include the certification of Bible teachers in its professional program. This adds emphasis and dignity to the work in the eyes of the community. The various denominations of the state are co-operating wholeheartedly to insure the success of the movement.

NEED

It is evident that the citizenship of North Carolina senses the dangers inherent in an education whose content is largely secular. The people of the state realize:

1. That there are more than 300,000 children in this commonwealth unreached by any form of religious instruction.
2. That juvenile delinquency is everywhere on the increase and will be aggravated by the chaos of modern warfare.
3. That our democratic institutions can endure only if they are undergirded by spiritual foundations. Civil liberty has its roots in Christian teaching.

Citizens of North Carolina are convinced that education of the mind without adequate cultivation of the soul tends to breed a materialistic philosophy of life which stifles the liberty of the spirit. From an understanding of this fact arises a determined effort to increase the religious elements of the public school curriculum.

OPERATION

Week-day religious education in North Carolina is a co-operative enterprise sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches and committees appointed by interested denominations. Decision as to how the program is to be inaugurated and administered is wisely left to the leaders in each local community. This makes possible a high degree of flexibility to meet the circumstances and needs of different groups. The movement may be started by a small number of enthusiastic persons representing a civic or religious organization. A substantial majority of the citizens of the community should be convinced of the worth of the proposal and the consent of the local school board must be secured. Success of the venture usually requires the united support of the religious forces of the community in order to raise the budget and provide instruction acceptable to the participating units.

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● APPRECIATION

For the Board of Finance I wish through this means to thank all those who contributed to the budget of the Council last year, 1941-42. Through your interest and generosity the Council was able to close the year with its bills paid and ten dollars in the treasury. And, too, our Secretary, Rev. Ernest Arnold, was able to give far more of his time to matters that are of importance to the Council.

We wish also to thank those who were interested but who were not able last year to make financial contributions. In other ways your interest was of great value and, too, we know that when the time comes that you can help the Council financially you will.

It is the hope of your Board of Finance that this new year, 1942-43, we can do even better. That contributions will be made in such a way that each month will find the Council able to care for the items of the budget for that month. This means regular support. Last year we had some very lean months. Heavy months ultimately made up for these lean months. But this year we hope our income will be secured so regularly that while some months will be heavier than others, no month will be what we could call lean.

And it is well for us to remember that it is not good policy to employ a Secretary to promote the work of the Council and then require him to spend much of his time raising the budget for the Council. Except as it is necessary for the office of the Secretary to receive and disburse the funds of the Council, our policy should be to have the funds so received by the office that our Secretary does not



Price H. Gwynn, Jr.

● OUR LEADER

For three years now Dr. Price H. Gwynn, Jr., of the Davidson College faculty, has headed the Council of Churches Committee on Week-day Religious Education. The steady and sane growth of the movement in North Carolina speaks for his untiring efforts in this field. The lack of space prohibits our expressing appreciation, which we would like to do, for the other members of the central committee who have given of their time and efforts, especially during the last two years. These members include:

Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt Wilmington
Clyde R. Erwin Raleigh
E. H. Garinger Charlotte
Carl H. King Salisbury

● OUR FRONT PAGE PICTURE

The front page picture, used by permission of the National Reform Association, appears on the cover of the Association's recently published book, "God in Our Public Schools," by Dr. W. S. Fleming, which we recommend for your reading and thoughtful consideration. This book has been dedicated "to the millions of American children, born and yet to be, who never, except from the schoolteacher, will hear the message of religion and morals that, alone, will enable them to become good citizens."

● MEETING OF BIBLE TEACHERS

Miss Frances Query, President of the Bible Teachers of the North Central District, has called a meeting of all the Bible teachers and others interested in the subject of Bible in the public schools, for Saturday, December 5, in the Durham High School, beginning at 11 a. m.

have to give any time at all to raising the budget. Let us do this this year. We are off to a good beginning.

James H. Lightbourne.

STATEMENTS

by

1. The President of the Durham Council of Churches—

"Education without God and the teachings of the Bible may produce a great mind but neglects the heart, the motive power for wrong or right living.

"The teaching of the Bible in the public schools is the greatest contribution our churches as a group can make to our community life."

—Dr. John Wayland.

2. The Chairman of the Bible Committee—

"At last we are realizing in North Carolina that it is impossible to produce fully rounded American citizens without instruction in the principles of the Bible. Each year many more public schools are offering courses in the study of the Bible. The response to these courses has been outstanding, plainly indicating that our boys and girls also are conscious of the need for Bible study."

—Mrs. C. W. Toms, Jr.

3. The Teacher of Bible in the High School—

"Hosea said, 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.' The Bible course in the High School is reaching boys and girls who attend and who do not attend Sunday School and is increasing the interest of both groups in the Church. Not only are they growing in Biblical knowledge but also are coming to see the place of religion in everyday life. The Bible teacher strives to help boys and girls develop a vital faith in a personal God which will result in character development."

—Miss Frances Query.

4. The Principal of the Durham High School—

"The course in Bible under the capable instruction of Miss Frances Query has proved a most valuable addition to the curriculum of the Durham High School. Feeling strongly as I do that the public school should by no means, through a spirit of laudable co-operation or of emotional accommodation, overburden its organization with the assumption of prime functions and obligations of the home, I am convinced nevertheless that there is ample justification for the inclusion in the high school course of study of an elective dealing with the world's greatest literature and biography, its greatest legal, sociological and ethical teachings, and the source material of its greatest hope for the permanence of civilization itself."

—Quinton Holton.

5. A Parent—

"The Bible course has helped Kathleen to have a clearer understanding of the Bible. Also, it has given her courage to lead devotionals and to be more considerate of others."—Mrs. E. Z. Hall.

BOTH WORKING TOGETHER

Durham is one of the many communities in North Carolina now making provision for the teaching of Bible in its public schools. The information on this page and in column three of the preceding page, covers the 1941-42 program and is cited because the procedure of the Durham system is typical of that which is followed in so many other communities.

In the School



The above picture is of one of the classes in Bible that is being taught in the Durham Senior High School. These pupils receive five forty-five minute periods of instruction every week.

A one-year course in Bible in the High School gives the pupil the equivalent of six years instruction in Sunday School if he misses not more than two Sundays out of each year.

In the critical days ahead it is of vital importance that we give all the extra time to Bible instruction within our means to all those who want it.

In the Church



Above is pictured a typical Sunday School class of an age group comparable to the Senior High School age groups. These pupils receive one thirty-minute period of instruction once a week.

The Sunday Church Schools and the Bible course in the High School work hand in hand to give the youth of our city the foundation of a Christian character.

Teaching of the Bible in the High School supplements and carries on the instruction in Bible begun in the regular Sunday morning Church Schools.

BASIC PRINCIPLES

1. The courses in Bible are **elective** and at present are open to pupils of the eleventh and twelfth grades in the Senior High School.
2. A full unit of **credit** toward both graduation and college entrance is received by the pupil upon the satisfactory completion of the required work.
3. The course is financed through **voluntary** pro-rata contributions by participating churches of the Durham Council of Churches and by contributions from other interested churches.
4. The course is entirely **non-sectarian**.
5. The Bible teacher must have an **A-grade** certificate and must have completed at least eighteen semester hours of special work in Bible.
6. The Bible teacher is **nominated** by the Durham Council of Churches and **elected** by the Durham School Board.
7. Upon being elected the teacher becomes subject to the same rules and regulations as any other teacher of like status.
8. The only **text** used is the Bible.

STATISTICS OF INTEREST

1. The number of representatives of each denomination in the Bible classes. (The same pupil counted twice if he enrolled for both semesters)

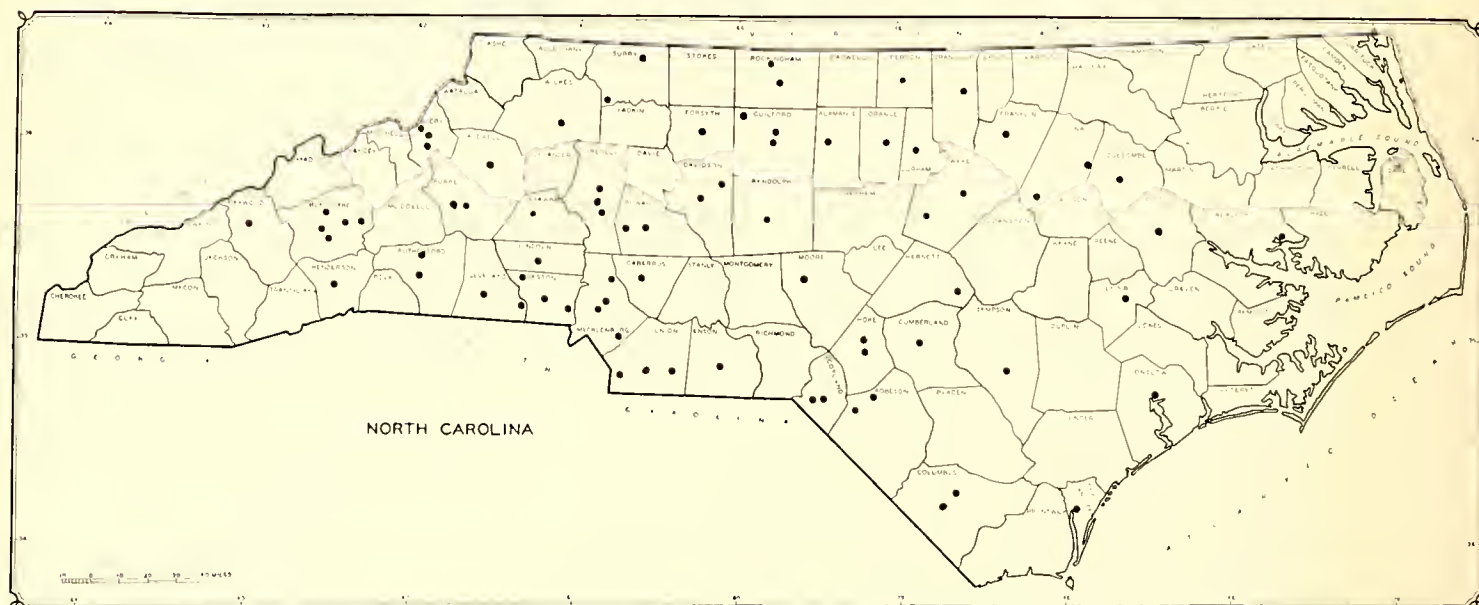
Baptist	131
Methodist	65
Presbyterian	23
Congregational Christian	14
Salvation Army	4
Christian Missionary Alliance	3
Episcopalian	2
Pentecostal Holiness	2
Catholic	2
Christian Scientist	2
Total	248

2. Enrollment of boys and girls:

	Boys	Girls	Total
1st Semester	33	85	118
2nd Semester	34	96	130
	67	181	248
3. Out of the 130 pupils enrolled, 2nd Semester, 17 were non-church members.

TEACHING THE BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Communities



The above map indicates the communities in North Carolina now making some provision for teaching the Bible in the public schools. In spite of our strong efforts put forth to make this map entirely accurate, we realize that there might be some omission of names.

Teachers

The following full or part-time Bible teachers reach more than 19,500 students weekly and a large number of these daily in some 160 public schools of the 75 communities indicated on the above map. While this represents an increase of approximately ten times the number of students reached four years ago, it still is a small percentage of the total number of students in our public schools. Last year our total public school enrollment was 888,148.

Ansonville	Rev. Irving R. Miller	Greensboro	Miss Loretta Crawford	North Wilkesboro	Miss Margaret Nifong
Apex	Rev. John Link	Greensboro, Rt. 5	Mrs. W. M. Sikes	Oxford	Miss Mary Allison
Asheboro	Rev. A. Lanson Granger	Greenville	Miss Isabel Reid	Racford	Miss Marianna Kimbrough
Asheville	Miss Lois C. Greene	Haw Creek	Miss Katherine Cumming	Raleigh	Miss Ona Bliss Lewis
Asheville	Mrs. P. N. Gresham	Hemp	Miss Katherine Wicker	Ramseur	R. C. White
Bailey	Rev. W. L. Loy	Hendersonville	Mrs. Mabel Baughman	Red Springs	Miss Alice McConnell
Banner Elk	Mrs. Elizabeth A. Malcolm	Hickory	Miss Caroline Moore	Reidsville	Miss Sanna Barlow
Barium Springs	William A. Hethcox	Hillsboro	Three Local Ministers	Rocky Mount	Miss Sarah Dorn
Belhaven	Rev. Allen Wilson	Jacksonville	Rev. C. L. Pinnix	Roxboro	Rev. Rufus J. Womble
Belmont	Miss Belle Cole	Kings Mountain	Mrs. Joseph Crowder	Rutherfordton-Spindale, Miss Louise L. Bashford	Miss Jane Grey
Black Mountain	Miss Susan Currell	Kinston	Miss Mildred Kiehline	Salisbury	Miss Irene McColl
Burlington	Miss Pearl Carter	Kinston	Rev. Thomas A. William	Shelby	Miss Marianna Kimbrough
Candor	Miss Virginia Lisk	Laurel Hill	V. C. Mason	Seventy-first	B. A. Barringer
Chadbourn	Three Local Ministers	Laurinburg	Miss Carolina Newbold	Staley	Miss Octavia Temple
Charlotte	Miss Cornelia Bramlett	Lenoir	Miss Carrie Crawford	Statesville	Mrs. J. O. Richardson
Charlotte	Miss Mary B. MacKorell	Louisburg	Rev. A. Paul Bagby	Stokesdale	Mrs. W. B. McMahon
Charlotte	Miss Janet Robinson	Louisburg	Rev. Forrest D. Hedden	Swannanoa	Rev. L. W. Kessler
Charlotte	Miss Louise Tucker	Louisburg	Rev. L. F. Kent	Tarboro, R. F. D.	Miss Naomi Howie
Charlotte	Miss Julia W. Boulding	Lexington	Miss Sarah C. Downs	Thomasville	Miss Faye Poston
Charlotte, Rt. 4	W. D. Loy	Leaksville-Spray	Miss Ruth Petty	Troutman	G. H. Huneycutt
Cherryville	Four local ministers	Lincolnton	Mrs. Milton Tiddy	Union	Miss Mary C. Grigsby
Clinton	Miss Margaret Hopper	Marshville	Mrs. Oscar Perkins	Union Mills	Rev. Ray Holder
Concord	Miss Dorothy Hix	Matthews	C. L. Pearce	Wadesboro	Miss Margaret Terrell
Crossnore	Miss Dorothy Naff	Maxton	Mrs. Archibald Campbell	Waynesville	Miss Jane Alderman
Dunn	Miss Flori McQueen	Monroe	Frank Efrid	Weaverville	Miss Elizabeth Peake
Durham	Miss Frances Query	Morganton	Miss Harriette R. Barbour	Weaverville	Miss Martha E. Robinson
Elkin	Miss Alice Dixon	Mount Airy	Miss Margaret Pritchard	Whiteville	Miss Maude Weber
Fayetteville	Miss Virginia Adams	Mount Ulla	Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bodie	Wilmington	Miss Esther Banks
Gastonia	Miss Mary Grier Leslie	Mount Ulla	H. C. Powell	Wilmington	Mrs. Stella Price
Glen Alpine	E. Oscar Randolph	Newland	Rev. Arthur Sanders	Winston-Salem	

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FINANCING OF COUNCIL THROUGH 1942-43

How the Council Operates How You Can Help

(Budget on Page 2)

Obviously for its financial support the Council is dependent upon the generosity of those organizations, institutions and individuals who are interested in it. Two questions immediately arise: how to create interest in the Council and how to provide those interested with an opportunity to make a gift. To create interest in the Council is not primarily the responsibility of the Board of Finance. But it shares in this responsibility. Thought has to be given the creation of a budget; care has to be given the disbursement of the funds secured for the budget. If there is laxity here, interest will not be created but lost. However, the Executive Secretary, the Executive Board and the several committees that outline and administer the programs of the Council have the chief responsibility in creating interest in the Council. Upon them rests the responsibility of convincing the denominations, the churches and the citizens that a Council of Churches is an essential need and that the Council can function effectively and harmoniously.

The Board of Finance did give thought to the creation of the budget for 1942-43. It is not the ideal budget but under the circumstances it is a practical budget and one that can be underwritten. The budget has been presented and adopted and February has been designated by the Board of Finance as the month in which to promote the financial campaign.

We are happy to report the Council has gone through the difficult months of November and December with salaries and current bills paid. The outlook for January is bright. But the February campaign must be successful.

It is our hope to hold practically all of the 1941-42 contributors. So our first appeal is to those organiza-

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WIN THE WAR AND WIN THE PEACE

Durham Institute, Feb. 11-12
First in Series for State

(Complete Program on Page 3)

On February 11 and 12, Durham will be host to the first in a series of five institutes on the general subject, "A Righteous Faith for a Just and Durable Peace." This institute, entitled "Win the War and Win the Peace," will be sponsored jointly by the Durham Council of Churches and the North Carolina Council of Churches. The other four institutes to be held under the sponsorship of the North Carolina

Plans for the usual State-wide Convocation have been suspended for this year. This action was taken by the Executive Committee with deep regret, although it was felt necessary because of travel difficulties. In place of the Convocation, a series of regional institutes on "A Righteous Faith for a Just and Durable Peace" are being planned. Watch for announcement of the one nearest you!

Council of Churches will be conducted during the week of April 25-30 in representative sections of the state.

Although other institutes are scheduled for a later date, it is expected that communities throughout the entire State will be well represented at the Durham meeting, which is featuring such outstanding personalities as the following:

DR. HENRY A. ATKINSON—General Secretary of the Church Peace Union and World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches.

BISHOP JAMES CANNON, JR.—Bishop, Methodist Church; Trustee of the Church Peace Union; Chairman, Committee on Near East Relief for Methodist Church.

HON. PIERRE COT—former Air Minister in France; Deputy in French Parliament; member of various French Cabinets; member of French delegation, League of Nations.

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● WHERE CO-OPERATION IS INDISPENSABLE

Again it may be true, as was said by Viscount Grey on the eve of the World War in 1914, "The lights are going out all over the world."

But one Light shines undimmed, the Light that streams from the Cross.

That Light must reach men today through His Church. It is reflected in all the service that the churches of different names render. The Light, however, is dimmed when, instead of being a concentrated and steady glow, it is broken up into separate rays that never come to a clear focus.

The purpose of the North Carolina Council of Churches is to intensify the Light—by uniting all right thinking citizens in a common witness to their faith, in a vital spiritual fellowship and in co-operative service to mankind.

FINANCING THE COUNCIL THROUGH 1942-43

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tions and individuals who by their contributions last year made it possible for the Council to close the year without a deficit.

During 1942-43 it is our purpose to approach service clubs. A few service clubs have contributed in the past. Almost all service clubs have a stated interest in the work of the churches. We are submitting to them the suggestion that a financial contribution to the Council is one way by which clubs can participate effectively in the work of the church in the state.

Last year we realized a sizeable increase in the number of small contributions, contributions under twenty-five dollars. We hope this year to realize a still greater increase in this field. We want four hundred such gifts.

The larger gifts are essential altho we do not think it a healthy situation for the Council to be supported financially by a few persons. It is desired to keep this item of receipts above the level of the last two years. And so we appeal to the generosity of those interested persons financially able to give the larger contribution.

We feel churches and church organizations are a source of legitimate income. And so this year we are appealing directly to them with the approval of denominational officials. In this particular the ministers can render invaluable assistance and we invite them to grant it.

A last word is this. The financial support of the Council has come largely from just a few counties. Last year contributions were received from thirty-seven counties. It is our thought a North Carolina Council should receive support from every county. And so we are urging some interested layman or minister to appoint himself the responsible person for a contribution to the Council's budget for his county.

Let us over subscribe and over pay this 1942-43 budget. Amen.

J. H. LIGHTBOURNE,

Chairman, Board of Finance.

BUDGET, 1942-43

Disbursements

	Spent 1941-42	Proposed 1942-43
Executive Secretary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Travel for Executive Secretary	900.00	800.00
Office Secretary	780.00	900.00

WHAT THE COUNCIL DOES

(A few concrete examples of what has already been accomplished during 1941-42. The 1942-43 program is the largest yet undertaken.)

- 1 The Sixth Annual Convocation of Churches in Burlington, April 7-9, 1942, brought together representatives of sixteen denominations from 77 North Carolina communities and from nine other states. About this and other Convocations a prominent Baptist recently wrote in the *Biblical Recorder*, "The Convocations have brought to the State each year probably the ablest group of religious thinkers and Christian statesmen appearing on any program within its borders."
- 2 The offering of Bible instruction to nearly a million of our North Carolina youth has been a challenge to the Council through its committee on Week-day Religious Education. At the present time some 90 full or part-time teachers are reaching more than 20,000 students weekly and a large number of these daily, in approximately 160 public schools of 75 communities. This may well be compared with the 816 students reported as having received credit for Biblical instruction in our public schools during 1936-37, the year of our Council's birth.
- 3 The papers of the State have expressed appreciation for the Council's press service which provides them with a weekly release of the news of the churches as well as special releases covering matters relating to the religious and moral welfare of our State and Nation.
- 4 "The Churches Make News," a weekly radio program now in its third year, is just one of the many and varied types of religious radio broadcasts promoted and sponsored by the Council of Churches. Aside from the actual presentation of radio programs, the Council's committee on Radio Ministry has sought in many ways to elevate the type of religious radio broadcasts heard over our many North Carolina stations. Already it has been proven that the radio offers a medium through which we can cooperatively speed the task of building a better world.
- 5 The United Christian Education Advance in which forty of our leading Protestant denominational bodies are now engaged, has offered a number of opportunities for Council service. Three Advance conventions were held in April. Religious Education Week and other special events have been promoted in North Carolina largely through the medium of the Council.
- 6 The promotion of special days and observances such as World-wide Communion Sunday, Universal Bible Sunday, Brotherhood Week, and others has been a part of the on going and ever enlarging program of the Council.
- 7 The office of the Council continues to be a clearing house in its truest sense. Aside from answering the hundreds of letters from individuals seeking counsel and information, the Council office has distributed thousand of pieces of literature of many and varied descriptions.
- 8 Other areas in which the Council has sought to work and continues its interest are as follows:
Rural Life and Work
Race Relations
Student Conferences
Student Workers' Conferences
Social Action
Music Service Department
Visual Education

	Spent 1941-42	Proposed 1942-43
Extra Stenographic Assistance	\$ 12.00	\$ 20.00
Printing	148.90	200.00
Postage	296.25	400.00
Telephone	23.55	25.00
Office Expenses	121.50	50.00
Literature	132.74	100.00
Ministers' Annuity Fund	150.00	150.00
Contributions to other Agencies	56.00	75.00
Church Council Bulletin	358.39	250.00
Weekday Religious Education	27.14	100.00
Radio Committee	33.00	75.00
Convocation	548.28	500.00
Student Conference	196.20	150.00
Visual Education	25.00	25.00
Church News Bureau	112.50	150.00
United Christian Education Advance	181.13	50.00
General Fund	205.21	200.00
Total	\$6,307.79	\$6,220.00

CHURCHMEN TO STUDY PLANS FOR ATTAINING MORE SECURE WORLD ORDER

Win The War, Win The Peace—Theme For Durham Meeting

PROGRAM

Thursday, February 11

10:00 a. m.-12:30 p. m. . . . Temple Baptist Church
 Chairman: Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D.D.,
 Bishop of Diocese of North Carolina and
 President of the N. C. Council of Churches

Period of Worship
 Welcome from the Host Church
 Dr. John T. Wayland, Pastor

Response on Behalf of the Sponsors
 and Guests . . . Bishop Edwin A. Penick

Institute Topic: "*The Churches and the Winning
 of the War*"

SPEAKERS: Bishop James Cannon, Jr.
 Dr. Henry A. Atkinson

Questions and General Discussion

1:00-2:00 p. m.—Men's Luncheon,
 Harvey's Cafeteria
 Chairman: Prof. B. G. Childs, Education
 Department, Duke University

SPEAKER: Hon. Pierre Cot, former Air Minis-
 ter in France; member of the French
 delegation, League of Nations

3:00-5:30 p. m. Temple Baptist Church
 Prayer Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz
 Rabbi, Beth El Synagogue

Institute Topic: "Winning and Keeping the
 Peace"

"Co-operation in Peace as Well as in War"
 Mrs. Edgerton Parsons

"The Organization of the Peace"
 Professor Clyde Eagleton

"After Victory—A New World"
 Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein

Questions and General Discussion

8:00 p. m.—The Central Mass Meeting,
 City Armory-Auditorium
 Chairman: Hon. William B. Umstead, Attor-
 ney and former United States Congressman

Musical Selections . . Durham High School Band

Our National Anthem—"The Star Spangled
 Banner"

Invocation Dr. Owen F. Herring
 Pres., Durham Ministers Association

Greetings from the Mayor of Durham
 Hon. W. F. Carr

Response on Behalf of the National Sponsors
 Dr. Henry A. Atkinson

Music by the Glee Club of the North Carolina
 College for Negroes

Presentation of the Speaker
 Hon. J. M. Broughton
 Governor of North Carolina

"Victory and an Organized World"
 Hon. Pierre Cot

Presentation of the Speaker . . . W. H. Ruffin
 Vice-President, Erwin Cotton Mills Co., and
 Vestryman, St. Phillips Episcopal Church

"*The Religious Imperative for Victory
 and an Abiding Peace*"

Rt. Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, D.D.

Benediction Rev. Kelsey Regan
 Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

Friday, February 12

10:00 a. m.-12:30 p. m. . . Temple Baptist Church
 Period of Worship
 Institute Topic: "*The Churches and the Winning
 of the Peace*"

"*The British Commonwealth and
 the World's Future*" Dr. C. E. Silcox

"*The Church in America and
 Its Place Among the Nations*"
 Rev. Carl Hermann Voss, Ph.D.

Questions and General Discussion

1:00-2:00 p. m. Women's Luncheon
 Presiding:

SPEAKER: Mrs. Edgerton Parsons

3:00-5:30 p. m. Temple Baptist Church
 Chairman: Prof. H. Shelton Smith, Director of
 Graduate Studies in Religion, Duke University

Prayer Dr. F. S. Love
 District Supt., Methodist Church

Panel Discussion: "*Problems of the Peace—
 Suggested Solutions*"

LEADER: Dr. Henry A. Atkinson

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL:

Bishop James Cannon, Jr.
 Mrs. Edgerton Parsons
 Professor Clyde Eagleton
 Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein
 Hon. Pierre Cot
 Rt. Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, D.D.
 Dr. C. E. Silcox
 Dr. Carl Hermann Voss
 Mr. Clark M. Eichelberger

GENERAL TOPICS: Minorities, Colonies, World
 Organization, Morale, Educa-
 tion, Economics, Religion.

Questions and General Discussion

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WIN THE WAR AND WIN THE PEACE

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PROFESSOR CLYDE EAGLETON—Professor of In-
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DR. C. E. SILCOX—Secretary, World Alliance for
 International Friendship Through the Churches
 in Canada; Director, Canadian Conference of
 Christians and Jews; former Secretary, Chris-
 tian Social Council of Canada.

A host of state leaders are scheduled
 for participation on the two-day pro-
 gram.

What of the Next Peace



International News Photo

Signing International Peace Pact at Palais D'Orsay in Paris at end of World War I



Hon. Pierre Cot



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Dr. C. E. Silcox

The purpose of bringing this group of outstanding speakers to North Carolina and Durham for two days is to encourage us to cultivate those opinions which will help **Win the War and Win the Peace**.

“What can I do to help **Win the War and Win the Peace**, as an individual, as a citizen of this country, as a citizen of the world, as a person of religious faith?”—to this and to all of those questions involved in it, the addresses and discussions of these days are to be directed.

We must win this war. To safeguard the peace that follows, we must consider **now** together the kind of a world we want after the war is won. To make such a world possible, we must **Win the Peace as we Win the War**.



Mr. Clark M. Eichelberger

We Take Pleasure

in introducing REV. JAMES H. LIGHTBOURNE, D.D., who is pastor of the First Christian Church, Burlington, and who occupies a key position in the Council of Churches' organization. As chairman of the Board of Finance, he is greatly responsible for our on-going and ever expanding co-operative movement. Those who know the busy life of Dr. Lightbourne can well appreciate his untiring efforts on behalf of the ecumenical movement.

If you would like to share in the Council's financial program, the following form is suggested for your use:

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Movement of Interchurch Co-operation Grows in N. C.

THE NEED FOR A MINISTRY OF MUSIC

National Music Week May 3-8

Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl*

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord."—Ephesians 5:19.

The first week in May is National Music Week. We are therefore pleased to present the following message from one who has devoted her life to the cause of better music and especially a deeper appreciation for sacred music.—Editor.

Music, of all the arts which serve about the throne of the Eternal, is the most spiritual, the most heavenly, the most divine.

Music is the key to the universe. The morning stars sing together and everything in nature is keyed to take its place in the great symphony. Handel felt this in his Hallelujah Chorus; he said, "I did think I did see all heaven before me and the great God Himself." Our storm-tossed world, war-torn and weary, needs to catch this vision, and music, rightly used and expressed, has that power.

Realizing the impossibility of having our Church Music Conference this year, I am asking that throughout the length and breadth of our State, we give more thought to the worship of God through the medium of the Great Hymns of the Church Universal.

While our armed forces are making much of singing and rhythm of marching bands, we on the home front must keep song alive in our hearts and continue to make "melody in our hearts to the Lord," who is and always will be the Captain of our Salvation.

Music has rightly been called the hand-maid of religion. Since Moses and the children of Israel sang their song of deliverance, there has been no great religious movement without the use of sacred song.

Down through the ages music has been the connecting link between the

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MANY LOCAL COUNCILS FORMED

People throughout North Carolina realize that world brotherhood must come first in the hearts and minds of the Christian people and in the places where we most often pray for it—in our churches. Evidence of this is shown in the following summaries of the co-operative programs that have been completed within the last year or the plans for the immediate future. Lack of space prevents the inclusion of other reports which will be carried in subsequent issues of this bulletin.

Albemarle

A ten-weeks loyalty campaign last fall, with all churches co-operating, resulted in an unusually large attendance and church offerings. Created a loyalty on the part of many who were previously indifferent. The better church attendance in all the churches has continued. A fine spirit of co-operation among the church groups in this city.

Asheboro

Interchurch Council, organized February, 1941. Includes ten churches. Has planned and successfully executed a community religious census followed by an intensive "Go to Church" Campaign. Has co-operated with the Ministerial Association in united services on Thanksgiving and Good Friday, also a United World Day of Prayer. Recently inaugurated a program of recreation which will be expanded for the spring and summer. Committee on Bible Teaching recently agreed to expand program, Bible courses offered this year in tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. An interdenominational teaching course for teachers of the church schools of the city now being planned.

Belmont

A Simultaneous Revival the most outstanding of the annual co-operative activities. Through the Ministerial Association, churches agree on a designated time in which all are to be engaged in revival meetings. Practically every business house in town closes during the hour for the morning services. Newspapers of the area—Belmont, Gastonia and Char-

GRASS ROOTS ECUMEN- ICITY FOR THE SOUTH

Evidenced in N. C. Community

Key W. Taylor*

"Nothing is real until it becomes local."—G. K. Chesterton.]

The brightest sign of hope for the healing of the nations on the horizon today is the Ecumenical Movement. The Master's dream for earth, Christian World Community, will not become a reality either in spirit or in structure however, until it is projected both laterally and vertically. Much of its organizational growth in America to date has been necessarily on the lateral basis. The time has fully come for a concerted effort to cultivate the community ideal and spirit in local life across the nation. To effect a "grass roots ecumenicity" is essential if the movement in its broader outlines is to have solid foundation. The movement of today draws its dynamic from an ideal and from a lateral organization. The long range movement of tomorrow must be energized vertically from roots deep in the lives of the common people. If the Christian World Community is to be virile and ever enlarging, it must tap new and deep sources of life—must be "like a tree planted by the rivers of water."

The roots of life in America, biologically and therefore sociologically, are largely in the rural areas. This is especially true of the South. The average Southerner is close to the soil. He is familiar with soil, seed, planting, cultivating, and harvesting. He knows how to take the seed, plant it, and then to co-operate with Nature as new and enlarged life is unfolded. He knows that his very life, and that of his children, depends upon this principle and process of unfolding life which he sees at work in the fields.

There is a no more fertile American soil psychologically for the seed of Christian World Community, than in the rural neighborhoods of the South. That

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EACH SUNDAY

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Council-sponsored radio review of
Carolina and World church news



WPTF, Raleigh



Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., Commentator



3:00-3:15 P. M.



Your Comments
Invited

• NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Since the appearance of the last published list of Council members, the following have become official representatives to the Council; either by appointment of their respective denominations or by the Council as members-at-large:

Col. John F. Bruton, Wilson; Mrs. C. N. Clark, Mt. Airy; Mrs. F. O. Clarkson, Charlotte; Rev. F. L. Conrad, High Point; Rev. H. V. Cox, Ramseur; Mr. E. F. Craven, Greensboro; Mr. Galen Elliott, Durham; Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Gastonia; Rev. J. G. Garth, Charlotte; Rev. C. M. Gibbs, Dunn; Dr. E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro; Rev. Boyd Ham, Burlington; Mrs. D. E. Henderson, Charlotte; Mr. Karl G. Hudson, Raleigh; Mr. Edwin L. Jones, Charlotte; Dr. Alvin Keppel, Salisbury; Mr. B. F. Leggett, Washington; Rev. F. C. Lester, Elon College; Mr. Zeb H. Lynch, Elon College; Dr. J. O. Mann, Charlotte; Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Farmville; Mr. R. L. Pope, Thomasville; Mr. T. P. Rhyne, Greensboro; Miss Ethelene Sampley, Winston-Salem; Mrs. H. H. Settle, Greenville; Mr. W. J. Smith, Bethel; Rev. M. O. Somers, Raleigh; Rev. Herbert Spaug, Charlotte; Dr. H. E. Spence, Durham; Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, Wilmington; Rev. T. T. Swearingen, Wilson; Rev. J. M. Waters, Wilson; Dr. O. C. Williamson, High Point; Rev. J. J. Wood, Candler; Miss Mary Louise Woodson, Charlotte; and Rev. D. L. Woodward, Salisbury.

We welcome these to our larger fellowship and look forward to the opportunity of working with them in our tasks of mutual interest.

ECUMENICITY

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this has not been fully realized by many leaders is indeed strange. The farm dweller has a unique capacity for neighborliness. He, of all people, is uniquely qualified to nurture this seed of community and this, despite his personal individualism, sociological provincialism, and theological denominationalism.

A beginning of such a "grass roots ecumenicity" in the South has been made in the Walstonburg Community, a rural area of North Greene County, North Carolina. This community has long been a typical scene of denominational strife, involving the Free Will Baptists, Disciples of Christ, and Methodists. But the seed of the ideal of community has been planted through concept and project, and has been nurtured for the past two years until there is now some sign of budding life—faint and fragile to be sure—but nevertheless life.

The movement was begun in the Walstonburg Community by the projection of a community survey which was

published in late 1942 under the title, "Youth at the Crossroads." This survey is being followed by another, probably to be published in 1944, under the title, "The Church at the Crossroads."

The initial survey proved to be self-revealing to leaders in the community and became a springboard to action. Upon realizing that the majority of the children and youth of the community were relatively "illiterate religiously," the churches organized a Community Vacation Bible School which has a standing faculty of some twenty members and an enrollment of over 200 students. The Bible School leaders then went a step further and supplemented their work by leading the seven churches to raise money and purchase, for use in the consolidated school, copies of the graded "Standard Bible Story Readers" by Lillie A. Faris. Some 300 of these readers are now in use at the school in grades one through six, with a daily period devoted to their study.

Four of the churches centering about the village of Walstonburg, jointly instituted a neighborhood prayer meeting a year ago. The prayer meeting convenes in the homes on Wednesday nights. The services are led by laymen and women and are often so well attended as to overflow the capacity of the homes. These prayer meetings are of immense worth in deepening the spiritual life of the people, in improving the spirit of neighborliness, and in melting down generation-old denominational barriers and bitterness.

Last fall the Disciples of Christ Church, which is located in the village, and one of the Methodist churches, also located in the village, united in the first union revival meeting ever to be held in this area. A Free Will Baptist evangelist was engaged. The revival meeting was climaxed on the closing night by a Community Communion service administered jointly by the Free Will Baptist evangelist and the Disciples and Methodist pastors.

A month ago, the Disciples of Christ Church, the Methodist Church in the village, and one of the Free Will Baptist Churches located on the outskirts of the village, united their choirs to form a community choir. A professional musician was engaged as director and pianist. Together these three churches provide services of worship for the four Sundays of the month, the Methodists providing for two Sundays and the others one each.

In addition to the several co-operative church enterprises, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops have been organized and are progressing under interdenominational sponsorship.

On a purely secular level, the Walstonburg Community Men's Club was instituted about a year ago, to promote civic improvement and community co-opera-

tion. By constitutional definition the membership is made up of one-third each of landowners, tenants or sharecroppers, and business or professional men.

An idea, when planted and nurtured, has a way of flowering—especially when planted in the soil.

MUSIC

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spiritual and the material, and the binding power of worship in all sects and denominations. The invincibility of the spirit of Luther and his co-laborers thunders through the centuries in the immortal "Ein Feste Burg." In the age of the Wesleys, we again note a new tone in the hymnology, the revival of the decadent congregational song of the middle 18th century. The doctrine of the salvation by faith in the atoning blood of Christ was a fit topic for songs and the Wesleys seizing the opportunity, set their congregations to singing.

Our church musical diet needs attention. Thus far no "rationing cards or points" have been issued to limit the spiritual uplift that comes from the mingling of voices in sacred song.

Every effort is made in high school and college to give our young people good musical taste. The power of music over a large majority of these should not be disregarded. However, there is danger that this musical taste has gone ahead in almost every field except the church. We should be careful in the Sunday schools not to give our young people music to sing which is obviously secular. They may seem to like it, but they like good music even more when it is given them.

In our church services hymn singing and playing contribute a most important part. Augustine Smith says, "The second greatest book in all the world is a Church Hymnal." It is the second most used book in all lands. Millions sing from it every Sunday.

Our understanding of hymns we love, of the visions and stories behind them, gives us a new appreciation of their beauty and power. Our beautiful hymns, like passages from the Bible, when memorized, become sources of vital spiritual force in our lives. A community, state and nation that stimulates and satisfies men's hunger for beauty and truth, through the medium of spiritual song, makes for creative living, and brings us nearer the presence of Him, the giver of this great gift, and the Light of the world.

The following hymns are suggestion for special study and use in our services of worship: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "Eternal Father, Strong to Save," "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "Lead on, O King Eternal," "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

INTERCHURCH CO-OPERATION

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lotte—give full co-operation. Luncheon meetings are scheduled during the week for the pastors of the local churches, the visiting evangelists and others. Civic clubs co-operate. Eleven churches participated in October meetings. September 19-26, 1943, plans now being made. Outstanding religious leaders already engaged.

Burlington

Union Vespers conducted during summer. Response great, attendance good and plans being made for continuance during 1943.

City-wide interdenominational vacation Bible schools being planned for June 7-18. Five schools throughout the city to be held in public school buildings. Faculties to be drawn from all the churches and pooled to provide strong personnel for each district. The courses, full set-up and all details now being mapped.

Teaching the Bible in the High School has been carried on for three years.

Durham (See Page 4)

Dunn

Teaching of Bible in Public Schools meeting with unusually favorable response. Each church pays a proportionate part of expenses on the basis of church membership.

Co-operatively planned sermon on the subject of gambling preached from all pulpits January 31, 1943.

Full co-operation to the Red Cross given by ministers and churches in jointly sponsored meeting March 14.

Simultaneous Vacation Bible Schools, a concerted community survey, and back-to-church program are among plans now being mapped.

Fayetteville

Fayetteville Council of Churches a strong organization in which each Protestant congregation is represented by its pastor, two laymen and two laywomen, with the members of the church staffs non-voting co-operative members. Five permanent committees include: Evangelism, Christian Education, Soldier Contacts, Civic and Moral Questions and Interracial Relations.

A teacher of Bible in the High School employed by the Council and the addition of a second teacher contemplated for the next school year.

A comprehensive religious canvass of the city, followed by a week of simultaneous meetings and visitation of religious workers to thousands of new Fayetteville residents, the most outstanding recent project.

Each year the Council brings an outstanding preacher to the city to inaugu-

rate the pre-Easter activities; Dr. Robert E. Speer in 1941, Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes in 1942, and Dr. Ellis Fuller for 1943.

Gastonia

City-wide prayer service held each Wednesday morning at 8:15 o'clock in the interest of world conditions. Prayers offered especially for those who have gone into war services.

City missionary employed by the churches.

An interdenominational mission has rendered great service and now looking for a full-time minister to serve this and another chapel in the city.

Elective Bible courses in the high school now being completed for the first year. Churches and other organizations pay total salary of Bible teacher.

City-wide young people's union now being considered.

Goldsboro

The United Council of Church Women, a very wide awake organization now in its fourth year.

The Wayne County Sunday School Association embraces 88 Sunday schools in 12 townships. Each township with its own organization sponsors an annual convention in which practically all of the schools take part. Weekly religious programs are sponsored over Station WGBR. The Third Annual Sunday School Institute plans now being mapped for the fall.

A united evangelistic effort to be put forth in September and October with Gipsy Smith, Jr., leading.

Greensboro

Five active interchurch groups. Ministerial Association, Council for the Teaching of Bible in the Public Schools, Interdenominational Missionary Union, Interdenominational Youth Fellowship, and Greensboro Christian Endeavor Union.

City-wide religious census project now being mapped.

Elective Bible courses offered in the

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United Church

Raleigh, N. C.

Co-operative Christianity Is Undefeatable—R. E. Speer

high schools with churches and interested individuals providing teacher's salary and expenses.

Hamlet

"A United Spiritual Front" established in January. Union Sunday evening service of all Protestant churches planned for nine-weeks period. Experiment so successful, will continue indefinitely.

Henderson

Noonday Pre-Easter Service held in the local theaters. Three-hour church service on Good Friday.

Union Christmas Service an annual occasion.

Adult Bible Teachers Association for the city and county now in the making.

Hickory

The Christian Council, composed of the pastor and three laymen from each church. Meets quarterly. Work promoted through a number of committees. Has sponsored such projects as the united canvass for pledges to church budgets, a successful protest against Sunday movies, and an interdenominational three-hour Good Friday service. Movement being led by Rev. John Hall, a Lutheran retired army chaplain.

Leaksville-Spray

Religious survey followed by "Go to Church" campaign a successful venture.

Bible teacher in public schools provided by churches of both Leaksville and Spray this year for first time.

Maiden

World Day of Prayer among the most recent co-operative programs.

Good Friday three-hour service and other pre-Easter plans have been arranged.

Monroe

M. P. here means "Mothers by Proxy." Churches promoted idea to inform service men of homes where they would be welcome. Anxious to give men a "home away from home." Posters bearing letters M. P. mark homes with "open door policy."

Morganton

Ministerial Association recently extended to include all Burke County ministers.

Full-time Bible teacher employed at same salary as other members of high school faculty. Program enthusiastically received and wholeheartedly backed by the community. Largest contributors are the industrial leaders who have stated they consider it not as a charity or an

We Present



Dr. Paul Leslie Garber

Young in age, old in co-operative ventures. Pastor of the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, Durham. Chairman of our State Council's Committee on Radio Ministry and newly elected president of the Durham Council of Churches.

Activities, Durham Council of Churches:

1. Religious survey of city, first project of Council organized in 1940. Survey to be repeated this fall, especially for many newcomers with Camp Butner and defense industries.
2. Bible teacher for elective course in Senior High School supported.
3. Brotherhood Sunday Services sponsored with Ministers Association and Ministerial Alliance two years.
4. New Year's Eve Watchnight Service broadcast with representative community leaders participating.
5. Win the War and Win the Peace Institute for two days. Featured nationally known speakers. Details in last Council bulletin.
6. Holy Week Services in down town theater held in co-operation with Ministers Association. This year's speaker, President Ben R. Laay, Jr., Union Theological Seminary, Richmond.

advertisement but an investment which will contribute much to the future of industry in the community.

An intensive investigation of question-

able amusement centers in the county received the Association's fullest co-operation. Church leaders co-operate in a program of watchfulness and permanent improvement of moral conditions within the county.

Roanoke Rapids

Church Loyalty Movement successfully completed in October. Press and radio station used freely. The Sunday which opened the drive saw a lay representative of each church visiting a neighboring church to present plan. United appeal to community signed by Catholic priest as well as Protestant ministers.

Weekly community-wide prayer services grew out of above movement. Special emphasis on war-time praying. These services still continuing each Tuesday evening for thirty minutes at a designated church.

Holy Week Union Service now being planned for appointed places in the city.

Daily morning devotionals over Station WCBT with the Weldon ministers co-operating.

Thomasville

Teaching the Bible in the Public Schools now successfully carried on for four years. One of the first communities in the state to inaugurate a week-day religious education program. Annual budget for this work raised by monthly asking of 2c per member of all co-operating churches. Bible courses taught in the city high school and three county high schools. Miss Naomi Howie employed as full-time teacher.

Wilmington

A systematic visitation of the entire population of the city now being planned by the churches of Wilmington. Wilmington's population has increased in the past two years from about 40,000 to 100,000. Vast number of people unidentified with any church.

Wilson

A Wilson Council of Churches recently organized. Strong leadership secured and a religious survey of the city now underway. Program of activities to be mapped upon completion of census.

Winston-Salem

Three-hour service on Good Friday now being planned by all down-town churches. This an annual occasion.

Week-day Religious Education Program being successfully carried on with full-time Bible teacher.

Religious Radio Program heard daily through co-operative efforts in Ministerial Association.

Competition Ends Where Co-operation Begins

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SUMMER INSTITUTES FOR MINISTERS TO BE HELD IN GREENSBORO, MAY 31-JUNE 5

After twenty-five years of consecutive annual sessions held at Trinity College and Duke University, the North Carolina Pastors' School will not convene at Duke this summer. On account of the demands made upon the University by the government in the matter of training soldiers and sailors it was considered inadvisable to try to entertain the ministers' conference this year. Arrangements have been effected whereby the Pastors' School and Rural Church Institute meeting concurrently will hold the 1943 session at Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C.

The Board of Managers of the Pastors' School and the Board of Directors of the Rural Church Institute are co-operating in setting up a school which will be the twenty-fifth anniversary for the Pastors' School and the tenth anniversary of the Rural Church Institute. The combined efforts of these two institutions have rendered immeasurable results for the ministry and the churches in this area. The date fixed for this year's session is May 31 to June 5.

Accommodations at Greensboro College are limited. Only 250 can be entertained in the dormitories. A registration fee of \$1.00 must be deposited before May 22 by all who wish rooms in the college. Those who register earliest will get the rooms. Those who register after the 250 rooms have been assigned will have to find accommodations elsewhere.

Dr. Mark Depp, minister at Christ Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., will deliver three addresses. Other speakers for the

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PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD POST- PONES ACTION ON UNITY MOVE

Delegates to the 139th annual meeting of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, gathered at Bonclarken, N. C., debated at length a proposal that a committee be appointed on the subject of closer relations with the Southern Presbyterian Church. After much discussion, the meeting adopted a motion that action be postponed for a year.

Religious education received a great deal of attention at this meeting. The Synod voted the appointment of the Rev. Ebenezer Gettys as full-time Director of Religious Education.

EFFECT OF WAR ON PERSONS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES STUDIED BY CHURCH LEADERS

NOTE: The following excerpts are taken from a paper prepared for the "Conference on Christian Education Faces Wartime Needs," sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education and held in Chicago, February 8-9, 1943. Full texts of this study can be had by writing to the office of the North Carolina Council of Churches.—Editor.

The war is doing things to the coal, iron and other material resources of the world. It is changing our institutions, affecting the lifelong practices of social groups, challenging systems and theories in government, and taking millions of men out of their normal ways of life. It is affecting science and philosophy, changing the direction of public education, altering forever the structure and direction of the world into which our children and grandchildren are being born. All this we know. But what is the war doing to **people**—to boys and girls—to men and women—to homes where the people are nurtured—to communities in which they find their larger social life?

As one way of answering this question, professional leaders in religious education, pastors and others in all parts of the country were recently asked to report on their observations as to what the war is doing to people. Quotations from these reports and occasional summaries of the facts reported make up this paper. The replies come from twenty-two states and the province of Ontario, with Illinois and Indiana sending in the largest numbers. They represent both large and small churches in large cities and in small and medium-sized towns, 36% re-

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE SCHEDULED

The sixth Annual Carolina Institute of International Relations (see program on page 4) is one of ten similar Institutes set up each year across the country under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee.

The North Carolina Council of Churches is very glad to bring the Carolina Institute to the attention of readers of the Church Council Bulletin in the hope that many will be able to take advantage of the fine program which has been arranged.

HAPPENINGS HERE AND THERE

New Movements in Inter-church Co-operation

A new Council of Churches has been formed in Wilmington. Twenty-eight Protestant churches representing various denominations are represented by laymen (including women) as well as clergy. This city which ordinarily has a population of 32,000, has grown to approximately 130,000. The new organization will be known as the Wilmington Council of Churches. Officers have been elected and plans are now being made for a home visitation program to reach every section of the city.

Three pastors in Thomasville—a Baptist, a Quaker, and a Methodist—are together visiting all the homes in their area of pastoral service. "Charity and Children" reports that they have already visited 150 homes together and when the family is out they leave their card signed by each pastor and giving their phone numbers. The card contains this request: "If we can be of any help to you, please call either of the following pastors." About this "Charity and Children" adds: "We are going to follow this movement with keen interest and will report later. We think that it is revolutionary in that it is a case of true Christian co-operation. We look for great results. Those three preachers walking from home to home together is a sight to gladden the eyes. Also it is a good illustration of contacting all the people in a very helpful way."

The Durham Council of Churches has just recently published its second leaflet describing the progress of the week-day religious education movement in that city. A special announcement is made in this leaflet to the effect that a second

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MINISTERS FAVOR MERGER OF TWO DENOMINATIONS

More than fifty leaders of the Congregational-Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed churches in this area attended a meeting in Elon College recently and expressed their sympathy with the proposals for the merger of our two denominations.

The meeting, called to discuss the proposed national union of these two church bodies, adopted the following resolution:

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EACH SUNDAY

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Your Comments
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A COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Requests continually come to the office of the State Council of Churches for information and help in organizing a local Council of Churches or some agency which will assist in bringing about unity in the work of the various churches. The Council is glad to supply these interested groups with sample constitutions and other information which will be of some assistance to them in shaping their plans.

Reports from communities with existing Councils, state that a local Council of Churches:

Unites laymen as well as ministers of all denominations through worthwhile common tasks.

Enables the churches of various communities to consult and co-operate together through accredited representatives for all common tasks.

Presents a united voice and a solid front on issues which make for the doing of larger tasks than can be accomplished by individual groups.

Leads to a wider field of service in that many things can be done only by co-operative efforts.

Co-ordinates the religious forces of a city, town or county in efforts which make the respective area more Christian.

Affords a stimulus and guidance for individual churches which can come only from a larger fellowship.

Engages itself only in activities which are not being done by individual groups. Seeks to avoid any duplication of work.

Organizes force instead of forcing organization.

Affords individual churches the pull of outside leadership which enables them to transcend their work in scope and effectiveness.

Seeks for unity and not union. Becomes the unifying agency for all the participating churches.

INTERCHURCH

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teacher will be employed during the school term 1943-44 and that elective courses in Bible will be available in the Senior High School and the three Junior High Schools.

The State Council of Churches has reprinted the Durham Council's latest leaflet on week-day religious education and added an additional column, giving a listing of the communities in North Carolina now making some provision for the teaching of Bible in the public schools of the state.

From Asheville comes word that the Asheville and Buncombe County Ministerial Association and the Negro Ministerial Association have formed an inter-racial committee which will seek means of co-operation by the two Associations.

MERGER

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"As a group of ministers of the Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational-Christian denominations of North Carolina, we desire to give expression to our appreciation of the fine fellowship enjoyed by us in this meeting; and to register our sympathy with the proposals for the merger of our two denominations as presented in the Basis of Union as created by the two representative commissions of the denominations and published as the Provisional Draft of March, 1943."

The "Basis of Union" referred to in the resolution states the unity of purpose of the denominations in a preamble which declares that (we) "do now declare ourselves to be one body, the United Church in America, and do set forth the following principles as the basis of our life, fellowship, witness and proclamation of the Gospel to all nations." There follows a statement of faith which allows the traditional liberty of conscience affirmed by both of the uniting groups and outlines the organization of the proposed church body.

If the proposed union is eventually approved by the General Council of Congregational-Christian Churches and the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches, the two groups will then plan to hold simultaneous meetings in the same city, at which time the General Synod of the United Church in America will be constituted.

In North Carolina the churches of these denominations are seldom found in the same towns or cities and the merger of local congregations would very seldom be involved.

INSTITUTES

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various assembly periods will be chosen from the faculty of the school.

The instructors with corresponding subjects are:

Dr. Arthur W. Hewitt—The Church and Rural Welfare.

Dr. W. W. Sweet—Makers of American Christianity.

Dr. Nevill C. Harner—Educational Work of The Church.

Dr. C. H. Hamilton—Post-war Rural America.

Dr. C. T. Craig—Paul and the Problems of The Church.

Dr. Edwin Mims—Spiritual Values in Victorian Literature.

Rev. W. M. Smith—Toward a Christian World Community.

Mrs. Paul Arrington—The Church and America's Peoples.

Dr. J. M. Ormond—Christian Bases of World Order.

WAR

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port that they are in communities so far unaffected by the presence of military camps or war industries.

I. THE WAR IS DOING THINGS LIKE THESE TO PEOPLE:

1. The war is having a profound effect upon the moral standards of people.

An increase in delinquency is reported in the State of Michigan, to the extent of 50% in girls and 20% in boys. In one city social agencies are greatly concerned over very severe moral problems of girls and young men.

An Illinois leader says that peace education has been nullified, because children now play with war toys and kill Japs in games. Young people say, "What is the use? We may as well spend our money for we will get killed," while adults say, "Why worry? They will take all I have anyway."

2. The war situation has thrust many of the young people taught in our churches, homes and church schools up against the problem of adjusting their practices in war with their Christian faith and ideals.

A young man in service, being told that he must hate his enemy to be a good soldier, feels that this conflicts with his religious teachings and does not see his way through.

3. The war has helped to create pronounced attitudes toward our enemies, toward people of enemy nationalities in this country, and toward other minority groups.

As one would expect, the reports show a rise of bitter animosity towards enemies. More bitterness for the Japanese than for Germans is evident. There is more respect felt for Germans in this country than for Japanese, due probably to more similarity in race and longer and more extensive mixture of population. But many distrust persons of either nationality. The following citations do not make pleasant reading, but their accuracy can be relied upon.

Some church members on official boards are ready to "drown every Jap." One man said, "I wish God would make a volcano erupt and just burn them all up!" And his son, the Sunday school superintendent, agreed heartily. A sergeant, about to go overseas, spoke particularly of his trench knife and his eagerness to plunge it into the vitals of a Jap. . . . A lady whose son is in the armed forces said, "Never again will a dollar of mine go to missionary or any other kind of work in Japan."

4. The war situation is creating clearly-defined attitudes among people as to post-war problems and discussion of them now.

Some are opposed to such discussion, while others are in favor of it. Most of those who oppose it feel that "the first job is to win the war—then talk about the post-war world." In a variety of forms this idea appears over and over. Some express a hopeless attitude because they feel another war will come. One says, "Discussion does no good. It makes you feel bad to have all these controversies aired."

5. The war is doing things to the economic status of people and that is having effects on the work of the church.

The many cases reported in answering this question make three things clear.

a. Many people are better off than they have been. All but a very few reports indicate that everyone who wants work is working.

b. People are giving more money to the church, though the proportion to income is not any greater in most cases. Some churches have reached or exceeded their budgets for the first time.

c. People are participating less in church activities in numbers as well as in degree. One comment is "people are giving more generously and attending church less."

II. THE WAR IS DOING THINGS TO FAMILIES

Many families are moving into our church communities and many church families are moving away.

The population for which the churches reporting are responsible has increased in most cases by percentages ranging from 5 to 100%. It is significant, however, that 46% of the reports received indicate no increase or only a negligible change. Most increases specified were 10%.

The instances where mothers of small children are employed in defense industries are increasing. It is significant that nearly one-half of the reports indicate no cases or very few.

III. THE WAR IS AFFECTING THE PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH AS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT COMMUNITY AGENCIES

War conditions are affecting attendance at church and Sunday school.

Of the reports, 22% report increases, 36% report decreases and 42% indicate no change. One report says, "It is a striking fact that the people coming into the Defense Areas are 90% people with church-going habits in their old communities, but are casual in attendance and seem backward about establishing new habits in the new community under new circumstances. Even when called on, they are not quick to react or to become regular attendants."

In the face of the impact of the war some families are looking to the church for guidance—and many are not.

A few cases will make this picture clear:

"Out of fifty new families one sought aid in housing. Most often stay away even when personally invited. Most frequent excuse is 'We're here for such a short time'."

"People away from home are not going to church. Nine-tenths of the population in one industrial area surveyed had no contact with church on Sunday morning. Out of a group of fifty children who live in a trailer camp, only 8 or 9 were regular attendants of a church school."

"A girl came forty miles to see me on this very matter. . . I do much more clinical work now—possibly a 20% increase."

Strangely enough, exactly the same number of replies say **Yes** to this question as say **No**.

How are the churches responding to this thrust of war conditions?

In various ways.

The following quotations will tell their own story:

"Our church has joined six others in the community to approach interdenominationally the expected 1,000 families in the Defense Workers' Area. A systematic survey is under way. Sunday school is conducted in the Community Center Hall by the non-sectarian Port Mission and includes Sunday school leaders of all denominations. Other children attend neighboring Sunday schools. The church nearest the area has offered classes in hand-work, needlework, study, etc., if desired." (Baltimore, Md.)

A Peace Shrine has been established in Springfield, Illinois, to minister to mothers, sweethearts and wives of men in service. A book contains the names of men in service, nurses and doctors, and those in C. O. camps. Prayers are offered daily at noon. As a result of this, one woman has arranged a peace altar in her home and one in her church.

At Burlington, Iowa, the Presbyterian Church has established a community center near the ordnance plant, with a full-time visitor. She supervises a Sunday school each Sunday morning for children of workers. In order to have room for more classes, 140 children meet in two shifts. She has called in the homes and has given information about the religious interests of workers to pastors in Burlington.

The churches around Harvard Square in Cambridge, Mass., had a conference with the personnel officer of the Indoctrination School to see how they might serve the families of young officers enrolled there. Friendliness, rather than entertainment, was found to be the biggest need. Those who signed the Guest Book in one church each Sunday were invited to dinner. Young married group makes special effort to welcome these people.

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• PROGRAM •

Friday, June 18

4:30 p. m.—Registration

8:00 p. m.—“The Coming Struggle for Power in Asia” Speaker, Anup Singh

Saturday, June 19

8:30 a. m.—Morning Meditation—Led by Elbert Russell

9:00 a. m.—“America's Role in World Economic Reconstruction” Speaker, Karl Scholz

10:45 a. m.—Work-Shop Discussion Period

4:30 p. m.—“Britain in India—A New Approach To An Old Problem”

Speaker, Anup Singh

8:00 p. m.—“Understanding Our South American Neighbors” Speaker, Duncan Aikman

Sunday, June 20

9:15 a. m.—“Spiritual Resources for Building World Community” Speaker, Ralph Harlow

4:30 p. m.—“Why Is Inflation Dangerous?”

Speaker, Karl Scholz

8:00 p. m.—Panel on “Proposals for World Order” Speakers: Aikman, Pfaff, Scholz, Singh

Monday, June 21

8:30 a. m.—Morning Meditation—Led by Elbert Russell

9:00 a. m.—“The Future of Inter-American Solidarity” Speaker, Duncan Aikman

10:45 a. m.—Work-Shop Discussion Period

4:30 p. m.—Panel on “The Reconstruction of Europe” Speakers: Harlow, Scholz, Newlin

8:00 p. m.—“Can a Post-War Depression Be Avoided?” Speaker, Karl Scholz

Tuesday, June 22

8:30 a. m.—Morning Meditation—Led by Elbert Russell

9:00 a. m.—“The Basis of a New Economy”

Speaker, Karl Scholz

10:45 a. m.—Work-Shop Discussion Period

4:30 p. m.—Panel on “The Pacific Area—Co-operation or Conflict”

Speakers: Harlow, Clyde, and Singh

8:00 p. m.—“Danger Zones in the Making of the Peace”

Speaker, Ralph Harlow

Wednesday, June 23

8:30 a. m.—Morning Meditation—Led by Elbert Russell

9:00 a. m.—“The Basis for a New World Order”

Speaker, Anup Singh

10:45 a. m.—Work-Shop Discussion Period

4:30 p. m.—“Building Tomorrow's World”

Speaker, David Jones

8:00 p. m.—“What About Russia After the War?”

Speaker, Bertram D. Wolfe

• PROGRAM •

Thursday, June 24

8:30 a. m.—Morning Meditation—Led by Elbert Russell

9:00 a. m.—“The Role of Rural Life in Reconstruction” Speaker, O. E. Baker

10:45 a. m.—Work-Shop Discussion Period

4:30 p. m.—“Present Day Conditions in Europe” Speaker, Grace Lowry

8:00 p. m.—“Problem Areas in Post-War Agriculture” Speaker, O. E. Baker

Friday, June 25

8:30 a. m.—Morning Meditation—Led by Elbert Russell

9:00 a. m.—“Mexico Looks Toward the Post-War World” Speaker, Bertram D. Wolfe

10:45 a. m.—Work-Shop Discussion Period

4:30 p. m.—“Preparing for the Tasks of Rebuilding” Speaker, Grace Lowry

8:00 p. m.—Panel on “The Problem of Germany”

Speakers: Harlow, Pfaff, Lowry, Victorius

Saturday, June 26

8:30 a. m.—Morning Meditation—Led by Elbert Russell

9:00 a. m.—Summary Discussion

10:00 a. m.—“Dynamic Religion in Action”

Speaker, Ralph Harlow

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Duncan Aikman. Chief Consultant of the Press Division, Office of the Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C. Author of *The All American Front*.

O. E. Baker. Professor of Economic Geography, University of Maryland. Senior Social Scientist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Paul H. Clyde. Professor of History, Duke University. Specialist in field of American Foreign Policy in the Pacific and Far East.

Ralph Harlow. Professor of Religion and Ethics, Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Charles Jones. Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill, and Moderator of the Orange Presbytery.

David D. Jones. President of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C. Member of the Board of Education, Methodist Church.

Samuel R. Levering. Formerly with the U. S. Farm Credit Administration. Popular Work-Shop discussion leader at the 1942 Carolina Institute.

Grace Lowry. For seven years co-director of the Friends Center in Paris. Director, 1936-42, of the International Student House, Washington, D. C.

Algie I. Newlin. Professor of History and Political Science, Guilford College, N. C.

Eugene E. Pfaff. Associate Professor of History, Woman's College of U. N. C. Executive Secretary of the Southern Council on International Affairs.

Elbert Russell. Dean Emeritus of the School of Religion, Duke University.

Karl Scholz. Professor in the Wharton School of Economics, University of Pennsylvania. Authority on economic planning.

Anup Singh. Editor of *India Today*. Distinguished interpreter of India and Far Eastern Affairs. Author of *Nehru, Rising Star of India*.

Curt Victorius. Professor of Economics, Guilford College. Formerly economic advisor to the German Bankers Association.

Bertram D. Wolfe. Noted writer and analyst of Russian and Mexican affairs. Contributor to *Harpers*, *The New Republic*, and the *New York Herald-Tribune*.

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John R. Cunningham Elected Council Head

Leaders Named for Council's Enlarged Program

The following leaders were named as chairmen of the Council's fifteen standing committees and four divisions, at the annual meeting, September 21:

I. COMMITTEES

(Department of Christian Education)

Weekday Religious Education—Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Jr., Davidson.

Leadership Education—Rev. T. T. Swearingen, Wilson.

Vacation Activities—Dr. J. O. Mann, Charlotte.

(Department of Social Action and Education)

Narcotics Education—Bishop Clare Purcell, Charlotte.

Race Relations—Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Raleigh.

Public Institutions—Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Winston-Salem.

(Department of Evangelism)

Convocation—Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Durham.

Special Observances—Dr. C. C. Weaver, Winston-Salem.

(Department of International Relations)

Camp Communities—Dr. John M. Alexander, Fayetteville.

Post-war Planning—Mrs. F. O. Clarkson, Charlotte.

(Department of Information and Publication)

Press Service—Rev. I. Harding Hughes, Raleigh.

Radio Ministry—Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., Raleigh.

(Department of Special Interests)

Musie—Mrs. J. Kenneth Pfohl, Winston-Salem.

Rural Activities—Dr. J. M. Ormond, Durham.

Visual Education—Rev. H. A. Schroder, Durham.

II. DIVISIONS

Children's—Miss Elizabeth Oliver, Salisbury.

New Leader



THE REV. J. R. CUNNINGHAM, D.D.

Retiring President



THE RT. REV. EDWIN A. PENICK, D.D.

Council Holds Annual Session in Greensboro

Dr. John R. Cunningham, President of Davidson College, was elected President of the North Carolina Council of Churches at the annual meeting of this body, September 21, in Greensboro. Other officers elected to serve for the ensuing year were: First Vice-president—Dr. J. H. Lightbourne, Burlington; Second Vice-president—Dr. E. L. Hillman, Rocky Mount; Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. A. White, High Point. The Treasurer will be named by the Executive Committee at an early date. The Council expressed regret over the loss of its former Treasurer, Mr. Everett B. Weatherspoon, who is now serving in the armed forces.

Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Durham; Dr. John M. Alexander, Fayetteville; and Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Durham, were elected members of the Executive Committee to serve until 1946. These three leaders, in addition to the officers and the following, make up the Council's Executive Committee: Dr. David E. Faust, Salisbury; Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Winston-Salem; Rev. Newton J. Robison, Raleigh; Dr. Elbert Russell, Durham; Rev. H. A. Schroder, Durham; and Dr. W. A. Stanbury, Winston-Salem.

New members at large elected by the Council include: Dr. Eugene Olive, Wake Forest; Dr. Trela D. Collins, Durham; Mr. George M. Ivey, Charlotte; and Mrs. Jerry D. Strader, Burlington.

Dr. James H. Lightbourne of Burlington was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Finance and the membership of this Board will be found on page two of this bulletin.

Rev. Ernest J. Arnold of Durham was re-elected Executive Secretary of the Council. Members of his Advisory Board include: Dr. H. Shelton Smith, Chairman, Durham; Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Burlington; Rev. Kelsey Regen, Durham; Rev. H. A. Schroder, Durham; and Mrs. J. O. Cobb, Durham.

Approximately 125 of the state's leading clergymen and religious lay leaders attended the Fellowship Luncheon in the First Evangelical and Reformed Church.

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Student Conference	150.00
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Financial Campaign	100.00
Assistant Executive Secretary	1,200.00
Expenses of Assistant Executive Secretary	300.00
General Fund	200.00
Total	\$8,782.50

COUNCIL MEETS IN GREENSBORO

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The principal speakers at this gathering were Dr. Clyde Milner, President of Guilford College, and Bishop J. Kenneth Pfohl, Winston-Salem. Dr. J. R. Cunningham presided over the luncheon. Special guests at this luncheon included Mrs. Ruth Worrell, Executive Secretary of the United Council of Church Women, New York City, 35 leaders of the women's organizations representing nine communions in North Carolina, and 10 public school Bible teachers.

● CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES FOR 1942-43*

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Kinston

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Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

Maiden

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Newton

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Raleigh

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Christ Church

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Rockwell

Ursinus Reformed Church

Rocky Mount

First Methodist Church

Rural Hall

Woman's Society of Christian Service

Salisbury

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sanford

Sanford Presbyterian Church

Sophia

Marlboro Friends Church

Sylva

Sylva Methodist Church

Thomasville

Main Street Methodist Church

Wilmington

Women's Auxiliary, Church of Covenant

First Presbyterian Church

Winston-Salem

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Centenary Methodist Church

First Presbyterian Church

COUNCIL LEADERS NAMED

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Y o u t h (Pre-college)—Miss Mary Louise Woodson, Charlotte.

Y o u t h (College)—Dr. David E. Faust, Salisbury.

A d u l t (Women)—Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt, Wilmington.

A d u l t (Men)—Dr. Algie I. Newlin, Guilford College.

These chairmen are charged with the responsibility of completing the membership of their committees and submitting same for approval of the Executive Committee.

*This does not include the Moravian and Associate Reformed Presbyterian Churches, which make their contributions directly through their denominational treasurers.

Activities of The North Carolina Council of Churches

Excerpts from Message of the Executive Secretary (September 21, 1943)

I. INTRODUCTION

The North Carolina Council of Churches is entering its seventh year of service and completes its fourth year under the leadership of your present Executive Secretary. This report is made in an attempt to present in brief fashion an overall picture of the purpose and program of this interchurch fellowship.

Before dwelling on the activities of the Council I would like for us to think for a moment of the purpose of these activities. Actually they are the means to a greater end, the development of an ecumenical spirit in the hearts and minds of the people who make up the churches of our communities. After all, this feeling of unity and brotherhood among those of our faith is the thing for which we are striving. That, I believe, we see developing all around us. Sometimes it expresses itself through the writings and preachings of individuals. Often times, and particularly during recent months, it has expressed itself through organized fellowships for temporary or permanent

programs in the local communities. City and county councils of churches, revitalized ministerial associations, and inter-racial committees are only part of an outward expression of this thing we call ecumenicity.

Someone has said: "Nothing is real until it becomes local." Truly the ecumenical movement becomes a reality only as it takes on life in the local communities. The fact that it is becoming local and therefore real makes us know that the Council and the idea back of it is something more than an organization with headquarters in Durham, N. C. It is something more than a few officers, officially appointed denominational representatives, and an Executive Secretary. It is **the churches of North Carolina in action**. And whenever Christian men and women, regardless of denomination, class or color join together in doing those things that they can not do separately, they become a part of the ecumenical movement, and the Council idea is ad-

vanced. It is, therefore, difficult to set down in one, two, three fashion, the things that have been accomplished as a result of our organized program. I believe all we can do is list a few of the definite projects that have had the constant attention of the Council through its employed and volunteer workers and then use our imagination as to how these have developed into greater things through the constant and concerted efforts of the leaders, including all of you, back in the local communities.

Realizing that co-operation is achieved both through persons and activities I feel we were wise in our decision at the last meeting when we doubled the Council's membership. Today our maximum membership is 122. These leaders are scattered across the state and represent practically all phases of the church's program. It is you, the Council members, to whom we shall be looking more and more for guidance and support in advancing the following and other activities:

II. ACTIVITIES

Weekday Religious Education

[So important is the work in this field that the November issue of the Church Council Bulletin will be devoted exclusively to this subject.]

Radio Ministry

In this field many notable accomplishments should be reported. The program, "The Churches Make News," heard weekly over WPTF, Raleigh, is now completing its third year. The committee has continuously given aid to both the personnel of radio stations and groups of individuals in the local communities who have been interested in raising the standard of religious radio broadcasts. Special programs celebrating certain seasons of the Christian year have been arranged and presented.

Press Service

For 89 consecutive Thursdays now we have issued to the papers of the state a weekly release of the news of the churches. These releases have most often been featured in the Saturday and Sunday papers.

Council Bulletin

The Church Council Bulletin, published five times yearly, continues to go to the ministers and interested laymen of the state. Our total circulation has been something over four thousand.

Special Observances

The Council has assumed responsibility

for the promotion of special observances recognized by our churches. The following observances have been promoted primarily by the medium of the press, radio, denominational papers and through local groups including ministerial associations and councils of churches:

Religious Education Week
World Wide Communion Sunday
Thanksgiving Sunday
Week of Prayer
Race Relation Sunday
Brotherhood Sunday
World Day of Prayer
Stewardship Sunday
Good Friday
Easter
Rural Life Sunday.
Christian Family Week
Christian Unity Sunday
Children's Day.

Christian Education Advance

While it is realized that several of our denominational bodies have not followed through on the proposed United Christian Education Advance, several denominations are still greatly interested in the possibility of such a movement. With these the Council is seeking to co-operate whole-heartedly. The Council has assumed a very definite responsibility in the field of public relations regarding such observances as Religious Education Week. It has secured and publicised special proclamations from the Governor

of the state and the mayors of our principal cities. It has sought in every forceful way to bring the religious needs of people to the attention of the public. It has attempted to enlist the support of key lay leaders in every community in such way that this annual observance might be called to the attention of our entire populace.

Music Department

The music department has stood ready at all times to be of service to the people of our churches and particularly the music leaders of the state. It has prepared special radio programs which have been heard over WPTF, Raleigh, and are now available for use over other stations.

Distribution of Literature

During the year several thousand pieces of literature have gone out from the Council office. We have attempted to be wise in the distribution of such and have not made available any material which would ordinarily go out through the denominational channels.

Camp Communities

The Council has sought at all times to keep up with the needs and activities of the hundreds of camp and defense communities across the state. We have at-

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Official Membership of the N. C. Council of Churches

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tempted to give wide publicity to the constructive programs which are being carried forward by the various religious groups and organizations both within and without North Carolina. In the communities facing the problem of a sudden influx of new people we have tried to give guidance as to programs of united action. This has often resulted in certain forms of organizations which promise to be of a permanent nature.

Bureau of Information

This is the best term I know for that activity which takes so much time and effort of your employed and volunteer workers. Requests for information come to the Council from almost every imaginable source.

Visual Education

The visual education field is one in which we hope all the denominations will soon have their own program. In the meantime the Council is in a co-operative manner seeking in a limited way to interest our religious leaders in the great possibility of the visual method of teaching.

Statewide Student Conference

The third annual Statewide Student Conference under the Council sponsorship did, we believe, for the students what we have always hoped the convocations would do for ministers and other religious leaders—develop a spirit of unity and fellowship across denominational lines. So successful was this conference last fall that another one has been requested for this year.

Regional Conference

In view of the fact that the convocation was not held during the past year,

the Council aided in setting up such a conference as the one in Durham during February which dealt with the subject of a "Just and Durable Peace." Guidance was also given in securing leaders for similar conferences in many other communities. Here again the Council preferred that these come under the local church sponsorship and organizations of local councils.

Organization of Local Councils.

During the past year we have seen the organization of church councils in Wilmington, Asheboro, Greenville, Hickory and Wilson and have assisted in mapping preliminary plans for such organizations in a number of other communities. Other areas have organized for action in the field of race relations, for the inauguration of elective Bible courses in the public schools and for united action on the part of all religious groups in certain fields of social relations.

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Curriculum

No extravagant claims are made for the North Carolina plan. The courses are designed to supplement, not supplant, essential activities of home, school and church in the process of character building. The central purpose of those who guide the movement is skillful instruction in the content of the Bible and the application of its teachings to the problems of every-day life. A correlative objective is the recognition of religious truth as a vital element of a complete education.

Since the aim is a knowledge and understanding of Biblical teaching, the chief textbook is the Bible. In many communities it is the only instrument in the hands of the pupil. This means that the course is relatively inexpensive and safeguarded, to some extent at least, against sectarian indoctrination. Individual teachers, of course, employ a wide variety of Bible helps and commentaries

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Public Reaction

Testimony of parents, ministers and school men where the plan is in operation affords ample evidence of its success when it is adequately supported and carefully administered. Following are comments from leading people throughout the state.

One of our Superior Court judges whose children are taking the Bible courses offered in the local high school stated that he was delighted with the results of the instruction.

A minister in one of our smaller towns has written that in his opinion the Bible course in the high school of his community achieved more good in the lives of the young people enrolled than all the ministers of the town put together.

Another pastor makes the following comment: "Besides the thorough instruction in Bible, there are other pleasing results. The high school pupils come to the teacher for discussion of their per-

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Constitutional Foundations

One of the first and most persistent questions raised by thoughtful people when the program of week-day religious education begins to receive serious consideration is that of its constitutionality. Citizens of North Carolina are strong in their support of a free church and vigilant observance of the separation between church and state. Does the teaching of the Bible in the public schools violate the American principle of religious freedom? This is a vital question which must be answered with rigid honesty. Religions freedom is a precious heritage undergirding all our civil liberties. Thinking citizens of this nation are willing to make any reasonable sacrifice to preserve and enrich it. Will the separation of church and state be jeopardized by the teaching of the Bible in the public schools? The central objective is to safeguard the rights of conscience.

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WPTF, Raleigh

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Allyn P. Robinson, Jr., Commentator

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3:00-3:15 P. M.

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Your Comments
Invited

● WE INTRODUCE



Miss Frances Query

—President of the North Carolina Public School Bible Teachers' Association. Miss Query, a graduate of Queens College in Charlotte and Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers in Richmond, Virginia, is now entering her third year of Bible teaching in the Durham High School.

Other officers in the Association are:

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Southeastern (To be elected)

Northeastern (To be elected)

● TEACHING PERSONNEL

The vast majority of those teaching the Bible in the public schools of North Carolina are well prepared for their task. Many of them have had one or two years of graduate work in the field of religious education. Reasons for this gratifying situation are not far to seek. In the first place, salaries are on a par with those paid to other teachers in the high school. Often they are slightly higher. Hearty co-operation by the State Department of Public Instruction is a tremendous asset in reaching and maintaining a high level of professional competence. Worthy standards of certification required by the state, if the work is to be accredited, and rigidly adhered to without exception, have given the efficient teacher real protection and dignified the whole program in the eyes of educational leaders.

A commendable professional pride animates these teachers of the Bible. They are organized on a state-wide basis and into regional groups for more effective exchange of suggestion and experience. An application from the Department of Bible Teachers is before the North Carolina Education Association asking for

recognition as an integral part of that organization, which represents the most progressive elements of the teaching profession in the state. The request will doubtless be granted. These instructors are respected by their communities and in constant demand for positions of spiritual leadership.

● THIS ISSUE

is the second annual "Week-day" number. The material was written and edited by Dr. P. H. Gwynn, Jr., of Davidson College, chairman of the Council's Committee on Week-day Religious Education and Miss Frances Query of Durham. President of the North Carolina Public School Bible Teachers' Association.

A more comprehensive statement on "Constitutional Foundations," prepared by Dr. Gwynn as chairman of a special committee to study this subject, may be had by writing the Council office.

● STATE COMMITTEE

The North Carolina Council of Churches for a number of years has had a strong Week-day Religious Education Committee. Membership at the present time includes the following:

P. H. Gwynn, Jr., *Chairman* Davidson

Mrs. Walter P. Sprunt Wilmington

Clyde A. Erwin Raleigh

E. H. Garinger Charlotte

J. W. Hassell Spindale

Carl H. King Salisbury

● GALLUP POLE AND THE BIBLE

Recently at the request of the editors of the "Bible Society Record," published by the American Bible Society, Dr. George Gallup made a survey of American Scripture-reading habits, in an effort to see whether there has been any change in these habits as a result of the war. The following is the result of the survey as recorded in the "Bible Society Record":

"The survey, taken from coast to coast, reveals that whereas ten in every one hundred persons interviewed say they read the Bible every day, 49 out of every 100 frankly admit that they have not looked into the Bible within the last year. Translated into terms of the adult population, this means that about eight and one-half million people say they read their Bible daily; that about 35,000,000 say they have not read it within a year."

Dr. Gallup reports that he found more people reading the Bible now than before the war. Also, more than twice as many women as men read the Bible; more farmers and residents of small communities are Bible readers than those who live in large cities; more than three times as many persons fifty years of age or over read the Bible daily than persons between the ages of 21 and 29. More than half the younger people interviewed have not opened a Bible within the past year.

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is mentioned at all, forbid the teaching of sectarian doctrines. They put no restriction on religious instruction. In many cases they follow the wording of the Northwest Ordinance, which emphasizes the place of religion in the total program of education. The constitution and laws of most states fortunately leave the decision in this matter to the local community. That is true in the case of North Carolina, which makes only two references to religion in its constitution. The first is found in Article I, Section 26, and reads as follows: "All men have a natural and inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and no human authority should, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience."

The other is Article IX, Section 1. It makes the statement that: "Education shall be encouraged. Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

The Attorney General, in a recent letter to a city superintendent in the state, has made the following comment on the constitution as it applies to this issue: "It is my opinion that under the above section of the constitution (Article I, Section 26), there could be no compulsory courses in Bible instituted in the public schools of the state. There is no legal provision against providing for an elective course in the Bible in the public schools. The language of the constitution with respect to freedom of worship is very broad in its terms, and if elective courses of study in the Bible are made a part of the curriculum of any of the public schools of this state, great care should be taken in the selection of such courses and in the manner in which they are taught, that there be no violation of this section of the constitution."

In view of this opinion, the North Carolina Council of Churches recommends the following as basic principles, which should govern the teaching of the Bible in the public schools of the state. Their purpose is to keep the program on a high plane of academic discipline and religious endeavor. Above all, they are designed to safeguard the right of every citizen to worship as he pleases and to propagate the faith of his choice.

1. It is essential that all courses in religion be elective, freely chosen or rejected by students or their parents. Certainly the privilege of any parent to withdraw his child from a course in religion is a fundamental right and should be carefully protected.

2. The Council encourages community interdenominational co-operation so that a type of instruction may be offered

which will merit credit for the work under the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Department of Public Instruction.

3. The Council of Churches is opposed to any possible form of discrimination in the administration of this program on the basis of religious affiliation or denomination. It takes this position because of its firm conviction that such discrimination is foreign to every precept of American democracy as well as a violation of the precious principles of religious liberty.

4. Therefore, while the Attorney General has ruled that instruction in the Bible may be paid for out of public funds, the Council inclines to the view that it is unwise to spend the tax money to pay teachers for this purpose, and urges every community undertaking the program to raise the money for its operation by private subscription or through voluntary assessment of religious groups.

5. Experience has led the Council to believe that it is good policy to inaugurate the program only after securing the harmonious co-operation of all influential sections of the population in the community.

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in the preparation of their work. Because the offerings are always elective, instructors are compelled to exercise their ingenuity in the discovery and adaptation of supplementary materials to illumine and dramatize the truth they wish to convey. A recent survey by the Committee on Week-day Religious Education of the North Carolina Council of Churches revealed a wealth of curriculum aids in use by the teachers of the Bible in the public schools. They had dipped into every field of religious lore to bring home to their pupils the lesson of God's love as revealed in his Word.

The committee is now at work on a nation-wide investigation of curriculum materials expressly designed for use in the program of week-day religious education. Teachers of the Bible throughout the state are co-operating in this enterprise. They have organized themselves into regional groups and set up workshops to run for the school year, the purpose of which is to evaluate materials now in existence, revise them, if necessary, and create new ones. Each of these workshops will have a consultant from one of our standard colleges or universities. It is anticipated that this experiment will increase the experiences available for week-day instruction at least ten-fold.

The Bible has been translated into more than 1,000 languages and dialects.

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sonal and religious problems. A greater interest is shown in the churches and Sunday Schools by those pupils who are taking the courses. Furthermore, we are reaching hundreds of pupils heretofore not reached by any Sunday school or church."

A letter from a city superintendent contains the following statement: "I have not heard an adverse comment in regard to the work anywhere in the state. I feel justified in saying that this co-operative action has caused the greatest awakening in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that this state has felt within the generation. The program is now on a workable basis throughout the state and looks like a permanent part of the training of our youths."

● COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH A COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

In many communities across North North Carolina religious and lay church leaders are increasingly feeling the need for some agency to help bring about unity in the work of the various churches. This agency would enable the churches to co-operate more effectively in carrying on certain activities common to all. Some communities have found a local Council of Churches helpful in meeting this felt need. A few of the valid reasons for organizing such a Council of Churches are herewith listed.

A Local Council of Churches:

Co-ordinates the religious forces of a city, town or county in efforts which make the respective area more Christian.

Enables the churches of varied communions to consult and co-operate together through accredited representatives for all common tasks.

Affords a stimulus and guidance for individual churches which can come only from a larger fellowship.

Unites laymen as well as ministers of all denominations through worthwhile common tasks.

Presents a united voice and a solid front on issues which make for the doing of larger tasks than can be accomplished by individual groups.

Leads to a wider field of service in that many things can be done only by co-operative efforts.

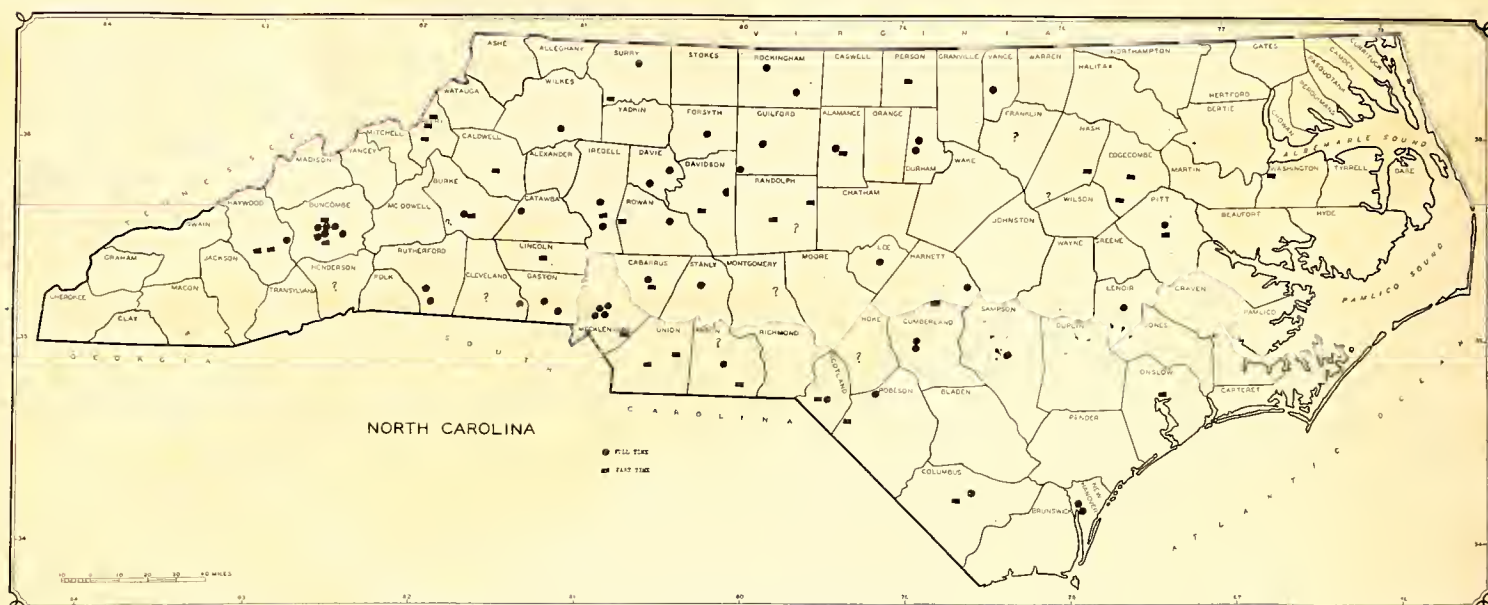
Affords individual churches the pull of outside leadership which enables them to transcend their work in scope and effectiveness.

Organizes force instead of forcing organization.

Seeks for unity and not union. Becomes the unifying agency for all the participating churches.

TEACHING THE BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Teachers



Full (F) or part (P) time public school Bible teachers are so indicated on the above map.

Progress

Church and state are co-operating successfully in North Carolina to increase the religious content of the public school curriculum. The annual report of the committee for 1943, made to the Council last September, carried the statement that between ninety and one hundred communities throughout the entire state are now providing Biblical instruction

for their boys and girls in the public schools. This includes work among both whites and Negroes and in the grades as well as on the secondary school level. The following full (F) or part (P) time Bible teachers are now reaching more than 20,000 pupils daily or weekly with Biblical instruction in this state.

Advance (F) Rev. J. C. Gentry
 Albemarle (F) Miss Mary Ann Peebles
 Ansonville (?) Rev. Irving R. Miller
 Asheboro (P) Mrs. Frank S. Jones
 Asheville (F) Miss Lois C. Greene
 Asheville (F) Mrs. P. N. Gresham
 Asheville (F) Mrs. Tidd
 Asheville (F) Leon C. Riddick
 Banner Elk (P) Rev. J. A. Sanders
 Barium Springs (P) William A. Hethcox
 Belmont (F) Mrs. R. T. Baker
 Black Mountain (F) Miss Susan Currell
 Burlington (F) Mrs. David Miller, Jr.
 Candor (?) Miss Virginia Lisk
 Canton (F) Miss Madge Lewis
 Caroleen (F) David Roberts
 Chadbourne (P) Three Ministers
 Charlotte (F) Miss Cornelia Bramlett
 Charlotte (F) Miss Mary B. MacKorrell
 Charlotte (F) Miss Janet B. Robinson
 Charlotte (F) Mrs. Julia Boulding
 Charlotte (F) Miss Louise Tucker
 Charlotte (P) W. D. Loy
 Clinton (F) Miss Margaret H. Hopper
 Clyde (P) Miss Madge Lewis
 Concord (F) Miss Dorothy Hix
 Concord (P) Miss Lucille Haywood
 Crossnore (P) Rev. J. A. Sanders
 Drexel (P) Four Ministers
 Dunn (F) Miss Flora McQueen
 Durham (F) Miss Frances Query

Durham (F) Miss Belle Cole
 Emma (P) Mrs. Willard Base
 Elkin (P) Miss Alice Dixon
 Fayetteville (F) Miss Lula P. Browne
 Fayetteville (F) Mrs. Hugh O. Roberts
 Gastonia (F) Miss Mary Grier Leslie
 Glen Alpine (?) E. Oscar Randolph
 Graham (P) Miss Gena Church
 Greensboro (F) Miss Loretta Crawford
 Greenville (F) Miss Isabel Reid
 Greenville (F) Rev. Charles Gable
 Henderson (F) Miss Miriam J. Heindel
 Hendersonville (?) Mrs. Mabel Baughman
 Hickory (F) Miss Caroline Moore
 High Point (F) Miss Ollie Sherrill
 Jacksonville (P) Mrs. A. B. Collins
 Kings Mountain (F) Miss Harriette Cochran
 Kinston (F) Miss Mildred Kichline
 Laurel Hill (P) V. C. Mason
 Laurinburg (F) Miss Caroline D. Newbold
 Lenoir (P) Miss Elizabeth McConnell
 Leaksville-Spray (F) Miss Ruth Petty
 Lexington (P) Mrs. Wm. H. McCorkle
 Lincolnton (P) Mrs. Milton Tiddy
 Linden (P) Rev. Frank S. Blue
 Louisburg (?) Three Ministers
 Marshville (P) Mrs. Oscar Perkins
 Matthews (P) C. L. Pearce
 Maxton (P) Mrs. A. L. Campbell
 Mocksville (F) Miss Marie Houston
 Monroe (P) Rev. Harry D. Hawthorne
 Morganton (F) Miss Harriette Barbour

Morven (P) H. P. Meyers, Jr.
 Mount Airy (F) Miss Margaret Pritchard
 Mount Ulla (P) Ministers
 Newland (P) Rev. J. A. Sanders
 North Wilkesboro (F) Miss Margaret Nifong
 Pinetops (P) Rev. H. R. McFadyen
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